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「如遇阻道或求援者，須懷無偏無情之心，即其為神佛魔魅，必盡死力斬殺之！」

武當派精銳直屬「盈花館」營救掌門姚蓮舟，威懾各派群豪。江雲瀾的武當援軍、崆峒派練飛虹與及天下武宗少林一起趕赴西安，會帶來甚麼變局？

機關算盡的顏青桐，下毒陰謀最終敗露。面對不能用常理來猜度的武當弟子，會落得甚麼下場？

錫曉儂「陽極刀」摧枯拉朽，心意門人爭相退出罷門。就在燕橫、意靜、虎玲蘭孤立無援之際，荊裂橫空而出！

四個同伴再度聚首，本該把酒言歡的時刻，卻要高舉兵刃，展開一場凶險的高空決戰！荊裂、虎玲蘭、錫曉儂，三柄最霸道的刀，刃光星火裡見真章！

這一戰之後，天下武林將再無人不識「南海虎草派」之名！

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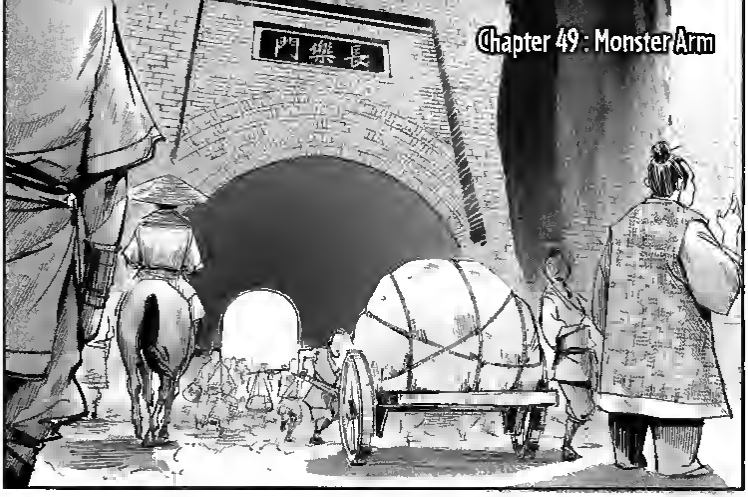

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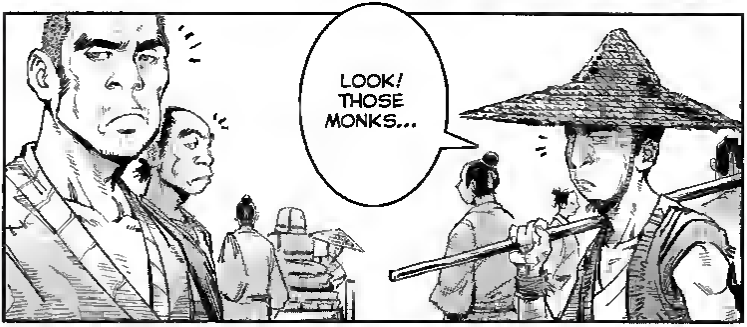

Ever since the Tang period's great monk Xuanzhang interpreted scripture in the Chang'an tower, this place has become an important part of Buddhist history and there are temples built within.
This is not the first time Xian has seen monks.

But this is the first time they have seen monks with such a tall stance and fast pace.

As they walked, their limbs shone in gold and red
SINCE WHEN DID MONKS WEAR JEWELRY?

TEACHER! TEACHER!
Han Tianbo was able to deflect Xi Xiaoyan's sudden attack with his fists in order to avoid major injury.
SHOULDN'T WE HELP THAT JAPANESE WOMAN?
AFTER ALL, SHE DID SAVE US...
Hu Linglan and even those they fought awhile ago were indeed their saviors.
TAKE THIS CHANCE TO RETREAT.

SHE ISN'T OUR COMPANION TO BEGIN WITH
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW IS THE SAFETY OF THE TEACHER!
AH... I GUESS SO...
The survivors from Mizong Door feel especially ashamed because a woman is doing what they didn't dare to do
Fight one-on-one with a highly skilled Wudang martial artist
Xi Xiaoyan wasn't unaware of Mizong Door's escape
He just didn't care

His eyes right now are all on the beautiful figure of Hu Linglan in front of him

Hu Linglan can't determine Xi Xiaoyan's actual attacking distance. Being careful, she takes a half step back.

YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL.
WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING AT? BEWARE MY SWORD AS IT WILL STRIKE YOU.
What interests Xi Xiao-yan most is Hu Linglan's scar. It gives him a fierce yet remorseful feeling.
Hu Linglan doesn't know Xi Xiaoyan has never been in contact with women as he spent his whole life on Wudang Mountain.
His words before were sincere and not meant as a provocation.

Every time they became pregnant, they were forced to take special medicine in order to give birth to supernatural warriors.
Xi Xiaoyan and Xi Zhaoping are actually half-brothers. Their father, Xi Yuele used to be a member of an evil religion and had four wives to bear him children.
Xi Yuele's four wives gave birth fourteen times, but the babies were either deformed or dead. Only the two brothers survived.
When Xi Xiaoyan was five and Xi Zhaoping was an infant, the Wudang headmaster Gong Sunjing eradicated the religion.
Xi Yuele was one of the few survivors who converted to Wudang and brought the two brothers up to Wudang Mountain.

Three years later, Xi Yuefe died of sickness and left Wudang to take care of the two brothers and supervise their training.
Due to Xi Xiaoyan's temperament, he chose only to study the Yang part of Taichi
In terms of weapons, even Xi Zhaoping didn't care to block Xi Xiaoyan's sword with his arms, but as a result Xi Xiao-yan never learned any soft martial arts which uses yielding force to redirect attacks.
YOU CAN'T ALWAYS BE SO FULL OF OPENINGS. IF YOUR OPPONENT MANAGES TO CLOSE IN,
YOU'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE IN CLOSE QUARTERS.
BUT THEY WILL HAVE TO GET PAST MY SWORD FIRST.

Xi Xiaoyan never imagined fighting a female opponent. But the previous clash proved...
That she was worthy!

Xi Xiaoyan's strength surpassed Hu Ling-lan's calculations and it was hard to control the katana being bounced back.
This counter-attack is only at seventy percent strength!
Xi Xiaoyan won't let this opportunity go and chose to counter her retaliation!

If Hu Linglan's arms weren't strong enough to stop the katana's rebound,
That blow would have rendered her unconscious.
GOOD!
Linglan's arm strength and her unyielding stance have impressed Xi Xiaoyan.

Is it because I didn't pray at a temple before I boarded that ship...?
Ever since I arrived in China I been up against "Wudan's" finest. Why is my luck so bad?

YOU... BY WHAT NAME ARE YOU CALLED?

YOU...

Hu Linglan wanted to toy with Xi Xiaoyan and said it using Japanese pronunciation, which left Xi Xiaoyan confused.
DAOJIN, HU LINGLAN.

I AM WUDANG STYLE, XI XIAOYAN.

Seeing Hu Linglan about to attack, Xi Xiaoyan seemed more excited
It was as if he was saying "It's better for you not to attack. Whatever you can throw at me, I can break it."
Hu Linglan doesn't have any good feelings towards Xi Xiaoyan. She only knows the Wudang Style has destroyed the Nanhai Huzun Style
Jing Lie's enemies are her enemies

Hu Ling-lan drew her katana further back, as if responding to him.
"I am going to slash down no matter what, whether you can break it or not."
The two conveyed not through words, but through their pose and actions.

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Vol 10 Chapter 2
- Wudang's Three Regulations -

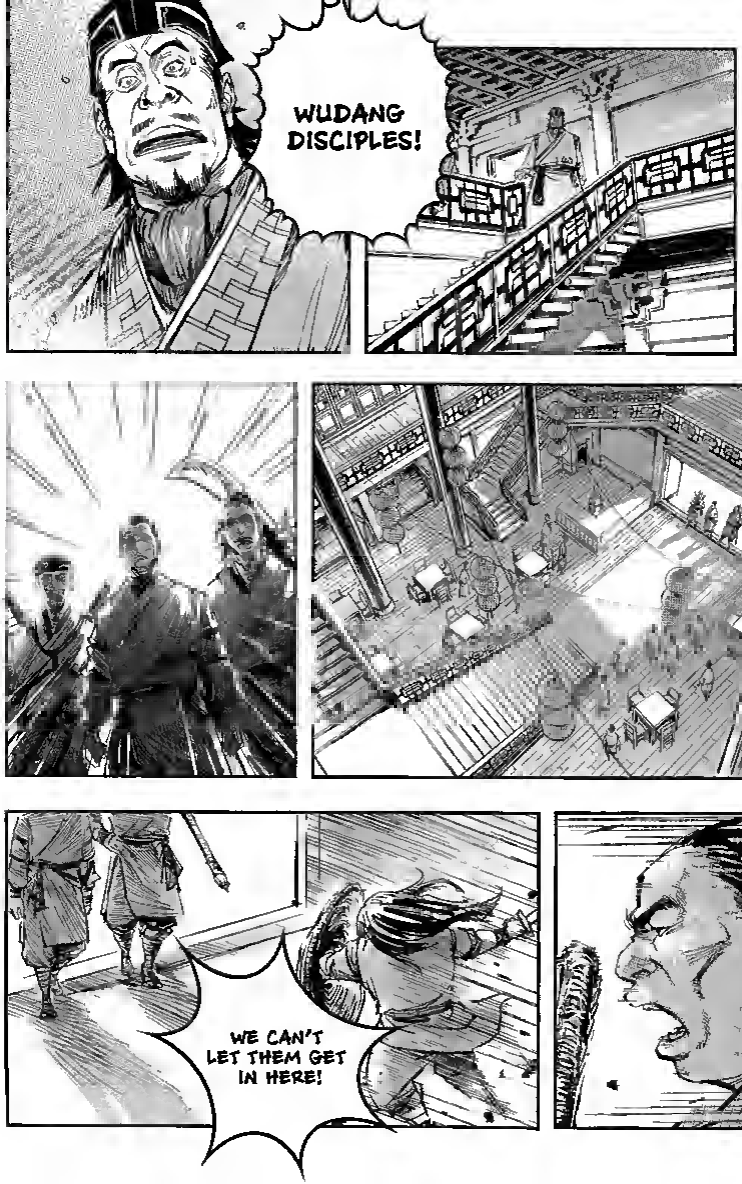
GOOD LORD! WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE ROOF-TOP...?
THERE IS ANOTHER WUDANG FELLOW IN THERE...
SHIT!
WHAT? IS IT OVER?
IMPOS-SIBLE!

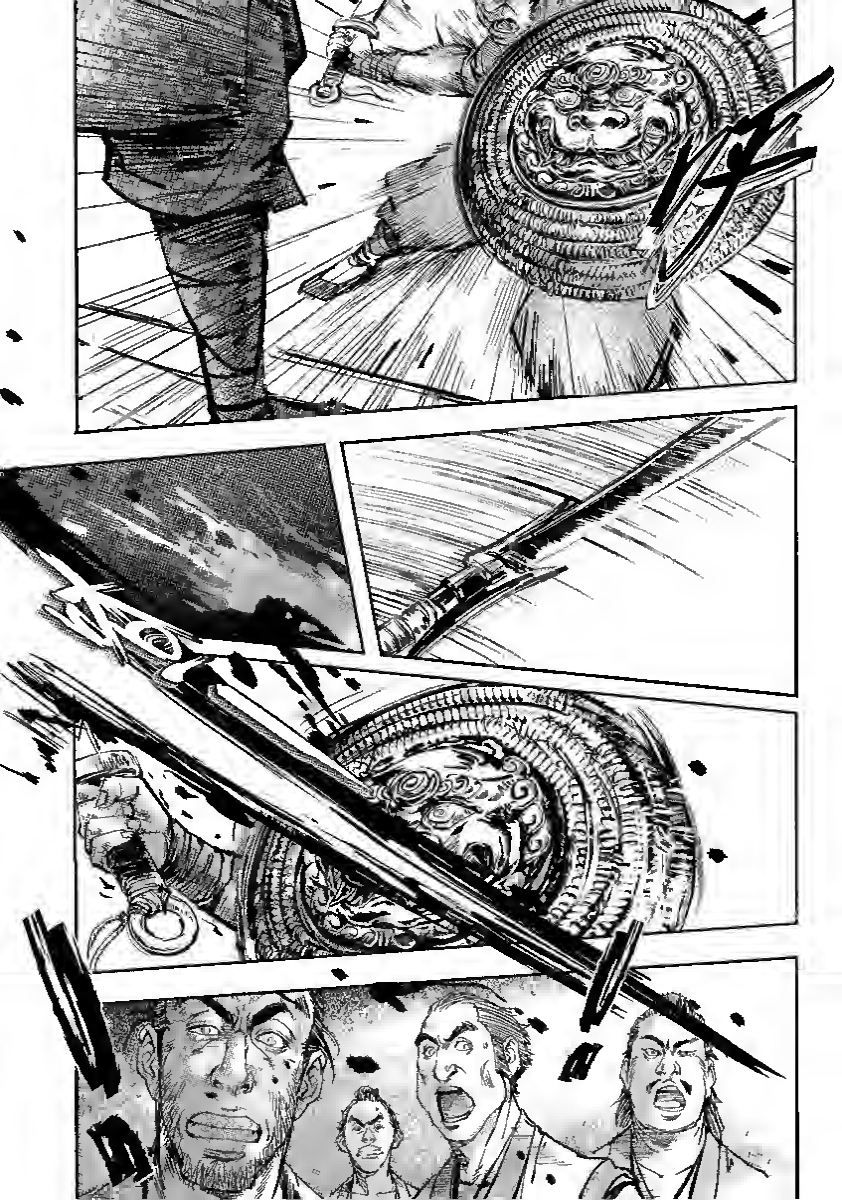
EH, NOTHING...
WHAT ARE YOU SMILING AT?
Even while he was tormented by the poison inside of him, Yao Lianzhou couldn't help but shed a smile across his face when faced with such an interesting young female warrior like her

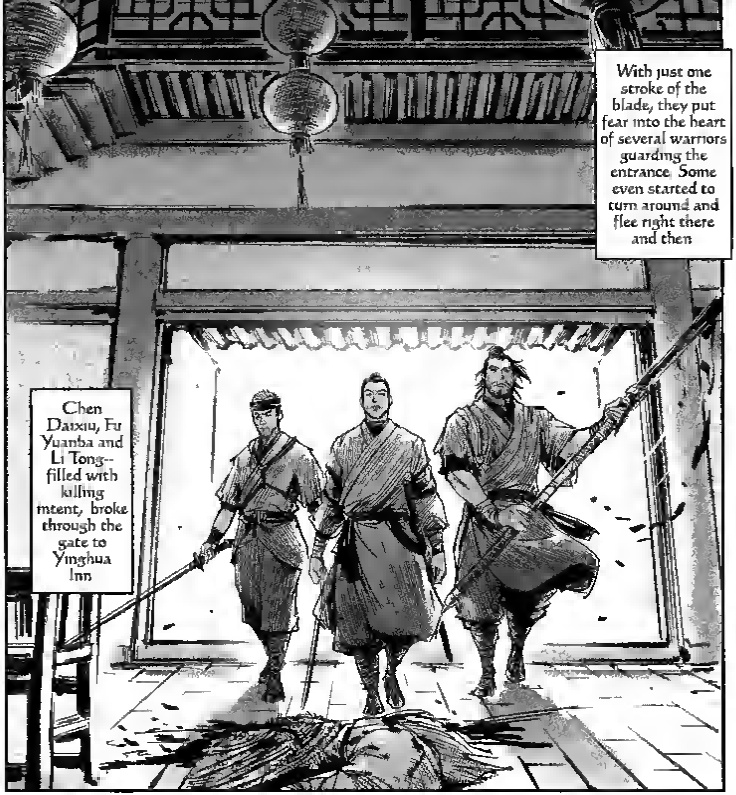
This guy won't be killing the headmaster today
Tired and injured, Fanzong knew that if Yan Heng really wanted to kill Yao Lianzhou, he wouldn't be able to stop him.
But then he remembered when Yan Heng spared him on the rooftop.

AS EXPECTED OF A DISCIPLE OF THE QING-CHENG STYLE, YOU'VE GOT GUTS
I KNOW.
BASED ON WHAT I OVERHEARD FROM THOSE GUYS OUTSIDE, HE IS WITH THE QING-CHENG STYLE.

YAN HENG, WHAT'S WRONG?
Upon hearing those words, Yan Heng didn't feel like he was being praised at all but rather ridiculed
He didn't know the intentions behind those words were pure, or the fact that this wasn't the first time Fanzong met with another Qingcheng style disciple back on Wudang Mountain, Hou Yingzhi, whom he admired wholeheartedly.
NEW HOSTILES HAVE ARRIVED!


WUDANG DISCIPLES!
WE CAN'T LET THEM GET IN HERE!




With just one stroke of the blade, they put fear into the heart of several warriors guarding the entrance. Some even started to turn around and flee right there and then
Chen Daxiu, Fu Yuanba and Li Tong-- filled with killing intent, broke through the gate to Yinghua Inn

TCH...

Despite being the few standing against many, the atmosphere inside suggested the exact opposite of a couple of Wudang disciples being surrounded by a group from the East Army
At that instant, Yan Qingtong deeply regretted his decision of trying to claim the credit of capturing Yao Lianzhou for himself and split his forces in two which greatly reduced their alliance's fighting strength.
More than half of our Xinyi style allies have sustained injuries, and the others are no match for them..
There is an incredibly threatening feel coming from the three of them They must be Wudang's best...
But the thing he regretted the most was... being stupid enough to actually walk into a place like Yinhua Inn himself.
I have accomplished so much. Am I really going to die here...?

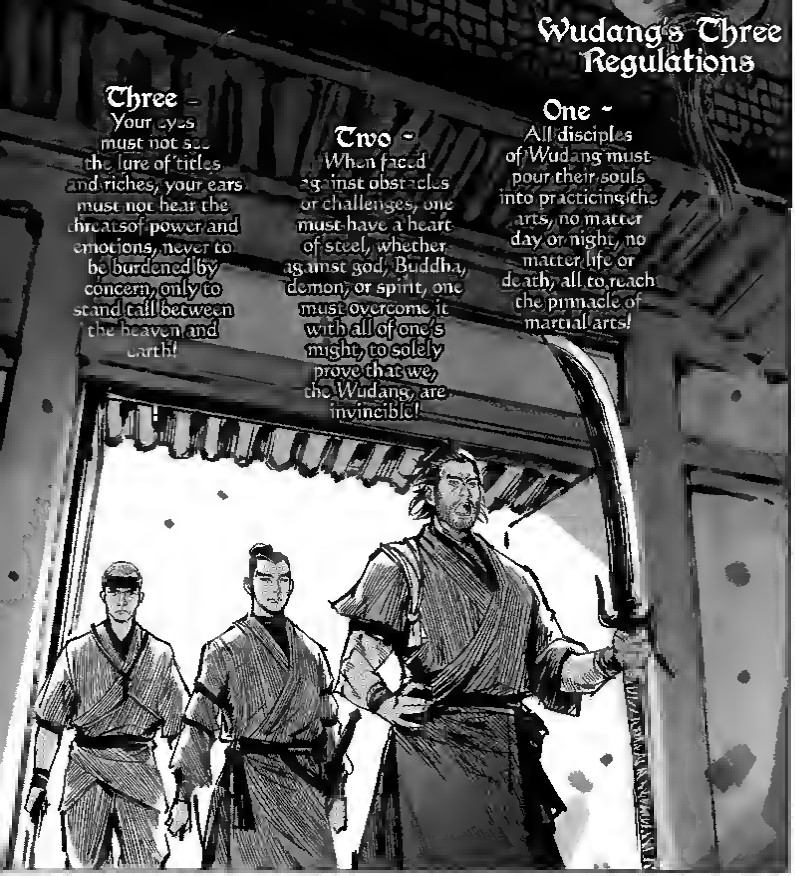
There must be a way... there has to be..
Peace talk!
Everyone stop fighting!
We still have the number advantage, so as long as we are willing to surrender Yao Lianzhou, there won't be a reason for them to keep fighting
Damn, but it was I who poisoned Yao Lianzhou!
If that was ever revealed, not only would I be despised by everyone within the alliance,
I would be hunted for life by the Wudang..

YOU FAT OAF, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
Calm down... Let's think this over...
Right!
WE HAVE ALREADY CAPTURED YOUR HEAD-MASTER.
Must stay calm. Can't let them see through my guise.

WE WILL KILL YOU FIRST!
Yan Qingtong spoke as quietly as he could Obviously he couldn't let Yao Lianzhou who is sitting right above him find out about the arrival of his allies
HOW ABOUT YOU GUYS GO WAIT OUTSIDE, SAY TWO BLOCKS FROM HERE, AND WE WILL SEND SOMEONE TO NEGOTIATE FOR HIS RELEASE LATER

WHAT ARE YOU SMILING AT? DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME? YOU'RE TOO LATE.
The situation inside the room is still unclear, I just have to buy enough time for Yin Yingchuan and Yuan Xing to get here, and then we will have the upper hand again!
IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, THAT HEADMASTER YAO HAS ALREADY BEEN CAPTURED, THEN KILL HIM IF YOU WANT.
WUDANG WILL JUST CHOOSE SOMEONE ELSE TO BE THE NEW HEADMASTER.
BUT KNOW THIS. IF YOU DO KILL HIM, NONE OF YOU SHALL WALK OUT OF THIS PLACE ALIVE.

YOU ARE TELLING ME THAT YOU GUYS RUSHED HUNDREDS OF MILES TO GET HERE, ONLY TO WITNESS HIS DEATH?
...
WHAT NONSENSE! THERE IS NO WAY I BELIEVE YOU!
WHY DON'T YOU TELL THEM OUR WUDANG'S THREE GREAT REGULATIONS?
THESE OUTSIDERS DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND OUR WUDANG STYLE VERY WELL, JUNIOR FU
COUGH... AHEM...
HAHA... VERY WELL!


Wudang's Three Regulations
Three -
Your eyes must not see the lure of titles and riches, your ears must not hear the threats of power and emotions, never to be burdened by concern, only to stand tall between the heaven and earth!
Two -
When faced against obstacles or challenges, one must have a heart of steel, whether against god, Buddha, demon, or spirit, one must overcome it with all of one's might, to solely prove that we, the Wudang, are invincible!
One -
All disciples of Wudang must pour their souls into practicing the arts, no matter day or night, no matter life or death, all to reach the pinnacle of martial arts!

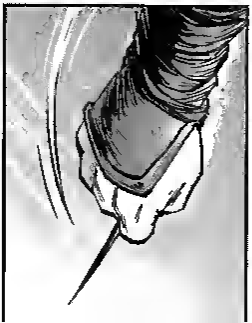
The words of Wudang's Three Regulations echoed throughout the main hall of Yinghua Inn, as if the words themselves were crying out, shocking everyone to the core

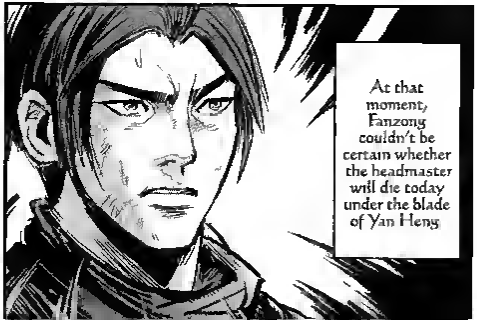
NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND? WE DISCIPLES OF WUDANG WILL NEVER QUIVER FROM YOUR PETTY THREATS!
SO HOW ABOUT YOU FOLLOW YOUR OWN WORDS AND MOVE YOUR FAT ASS OUTSIDE, SAY, TWO BLOCKS AWAY FROM HERE?
NEGOTIATIONS WON'T BE NECESSARY. WHAT HAPPENS AFTERWARDS, WELL, WE WILL INFORM YOU ONCE OUR HEADMASTER HAS REACHED A DECISION.
Yan Qingtong finally understands now...
Deception has its limits. There is always a time when all the schemes in the world are useless...
... especially when the ones you are facing, are a group of proud and arrogant mad men.

SINCE YOU SPARED ME BEFORE, CONSIDER THIS AS ME RETURNING THE FAVOR ..

OUR ALLIES HAVE JUST ARRIVED IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOUR LIFE THEN YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW

MY HATRED FOR THE WUDANG CANNOT BE QUELLED. THERE IS NO FAVOR BETWEEN US TO SPEAK OF!




At that moment, Fanzong couldn't be certain whether the headmaster will die today under the blade of Yan Heng

Even Tong Jing was surprised at the look of Yan Heng.
It was the first time she truly felt the depth of Yan Heng's hatred running in his heart, the hatred that was born when his whole sword-style's school was wiped out.
The sudden loud clashing of metal against metal snapped Yan Heng from his half aware, half frenzied state.
Yan Heng instantly knew who one of the weapons belonged to
To be able to dish out that kind of destructive force, it had to be Hu Linglan's
In that instant, the safety of his companion outweighed his thirst for revenge.
The sound of the metal clash suggested that her opponent was no pushover either

When faced against Wudang's Taichi masters, he should run.
Yan Heng suddenly remembered what Jing Lie once said...
In order to become stronger, there is no shame in trying to survive
THE ONLY REASON I SPARED YOU BOTH TODAY WAS BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT A VICTORY WITHOUT HONOR.
DON'T TAKE THIS THE WRONG WAY. YOU DIDN'T DO ME ANY FAVORS.

ANYTIME.
AND TAKE BACK EVERYTHING YOU OWE US QING-CHENG STYLE.
ONE DAY, I WILL DEFEAT YOU FAIR AND SQUARE.
WAIT.
Filled with emotions, Yan Heng tightly gripped Tong Jing's hand
Despite the pain, Tong Jing didn't try to break away from his grip, because the only thing she felt then was the overflowing desire to share that pain and sorrow with him.

AS I SAID. , I WAS ONLY BORROWING THIS SWORD.
The only thing Tong Jing gave m return was not the smile of gratitude to Yao Lian-zhou, but an icy cold glare.
For he was Wudang's head-master and thus Yan Heng's arch enemy. She would never show him any kindness as she chose to stand by Yan Heng's side.

Yao Lianzhou watched the shadow left behind by Tong Jin as he recalled the scene when she fell through the hole from the rooftop
The moment he used his Taichi Fist's sword swiping technique, Tong Jing unexpectedly lashed back.
Could she be hiding her strength? Or was it because of something else...?
Normally speaking, she shouldn't be able to see my technique at all.
But for some reason she seemed to have noticed my movement... and that reaction...

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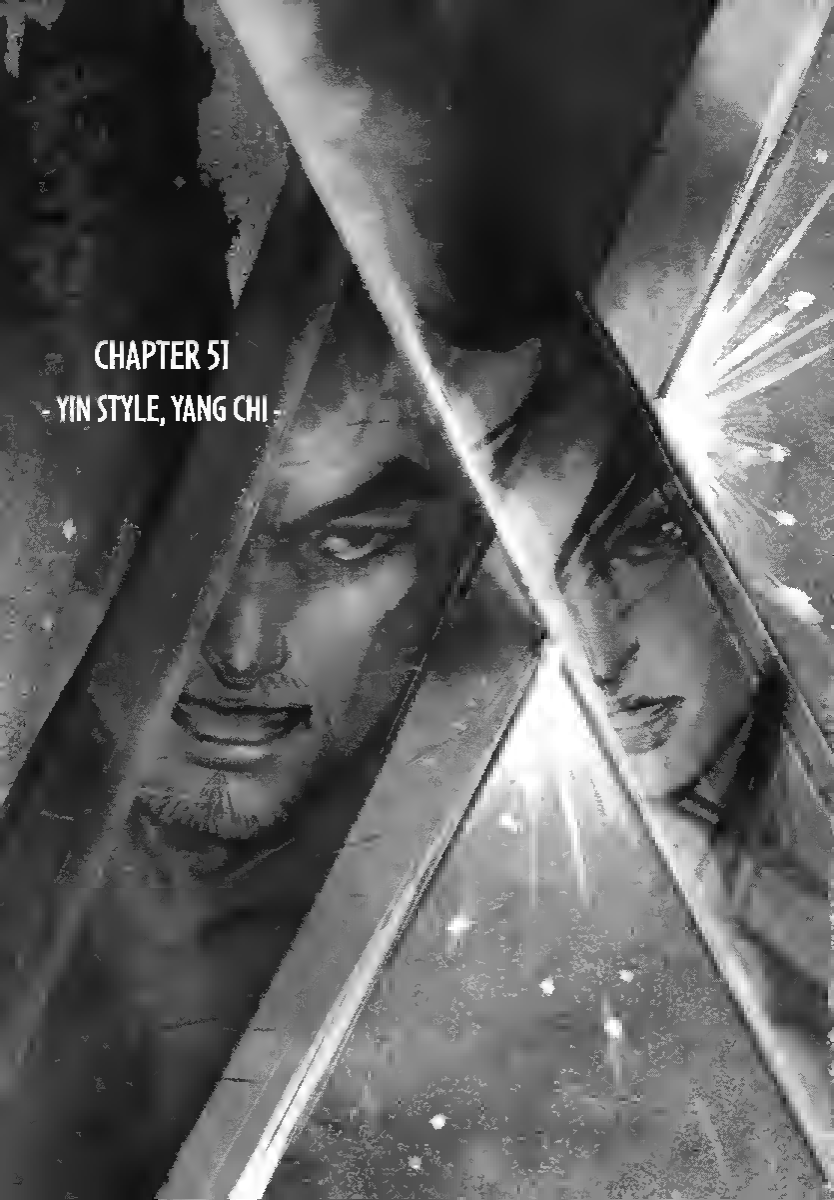
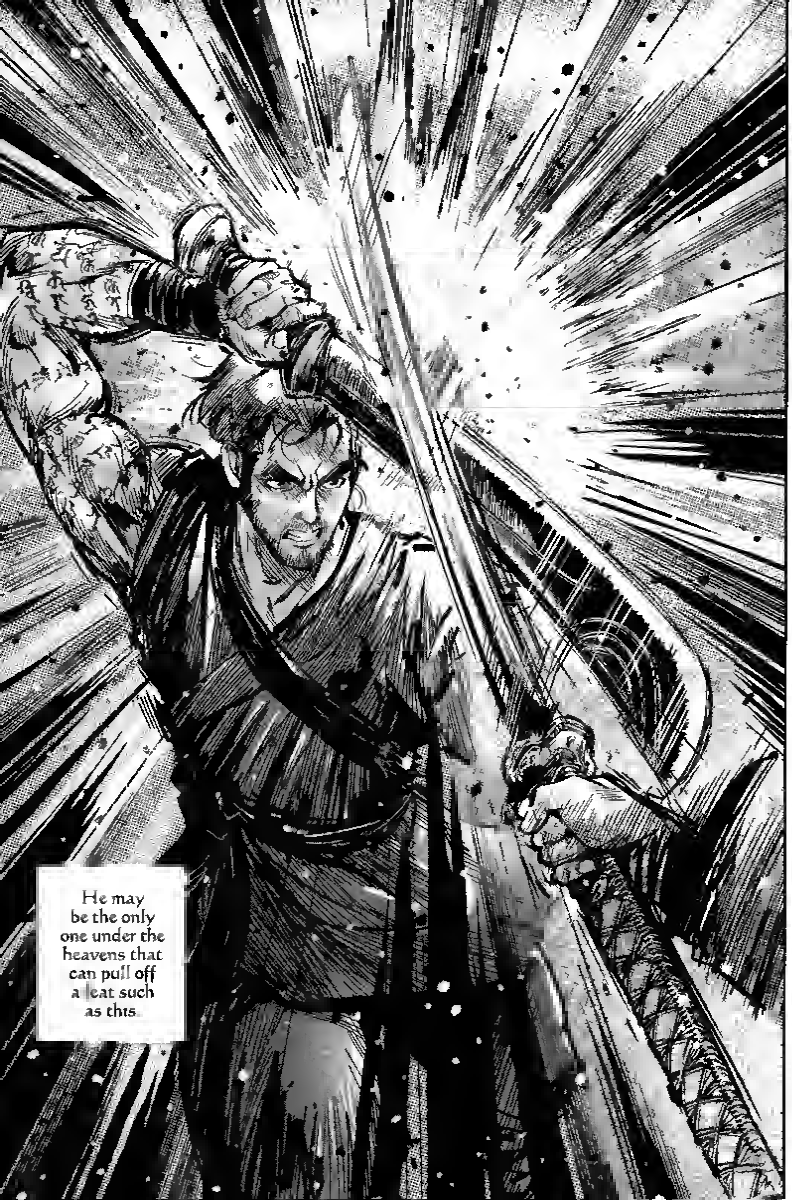

CHAPTER 51
- YIN STYLE, YANG CHI -

Yin Style
Katana Technique
Flying Sparrow!
The most basic stroke using speed, power, and distance of the weapon to crush down all.

Xi Xiaoyan utilized the full potential of all his senses to predict the distance of Hu Linglan's katana and prepares for the stroke.
Hu Linglan changed her grip mid-swing and turned her arm and body sideways, increasing the striking distance of the katana by half a foot!
Flying Sparrow Altered Technique
Flat Striking Hand
Half a foot in a fight against a similarly skilled opponent can mean the difference between life and death!

At unpredicted moments, whether or not your heart will panic determines if you are a martial arts expert
By the time Xi Xiaoyan realized his original prediction was wrong, the katana was already there!
The path ofthe "Twining Blade" is shorter and gave Xi Xiaoyan time for his sword to meet the katana!
Xi Xiaoyan didn't make his wide swing and used the "Twining Blade" technique, to slash upward
Hu Lingtian is unfazed by Xi Xiaoyan's unusual move, and the Flying Sparrow's path stays true!
I WILL SLASH HIM AND THE SWORD APART!
WITH THE WAY HE USED HIS MOVE, HE WON'T HAVE MORE POWER THAN MY SLASH!


He may be the only one under the heavens that can pull off a feat such as this.

IMPOSSIBLE!
When they made contact, Hu Linglan felt a force beyond her expectations.
Xi Xiaoyan used the palm of his left hand on the back of his blade to bring the stroke upwards!

Hu Linglan used only one hand to control the heavy katana
If this blow does not go through, it will be hard for her to regain control
This is the first time Hu Linglan has lost her katana in a fight
It might also be her last.
At that moment Hu Linglan felt her death was imminent

During that brief instant, she felt no regrets coming to China only to lose her life
All of this... will no longer exist. But she still believed that it was worth it.

But Hu Linglan had under estimated herself
After all, she was the strongest swordsman in Kyushuu
When the two edges met, Xi Xiaoyan also felt an enormous pressure
His stance fell apart instantly and was unable to retaliate

For as long as she still breathes, she won't accept death
Even though Hu Linglan's mind already started to drift, her experienced body reacted instinctively

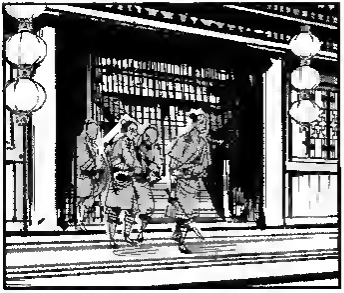
Xi Xiaoyan was secretly glad that he didn't kill Hu Linglan with his blade.
Even though it was a pity that he lost his chance to retaliate,
He was happy to fight against her.

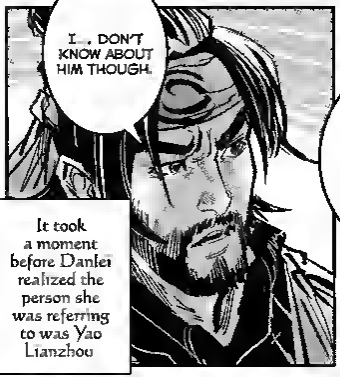
LINGLAN! CATCH!
The treasure that guards the Qingcheng Style, Penetrating Tiger
DIDN'T I TELL YOU...
THAT I'D DEFINITELY BRING YAN HENG BACK?
Because Yan Heng and Tong Li were worried for Hu Lingtan, they jumped onto the roof from the window

I can't breathe..!
It hurts!
YOU GUYS! YOU HAD ME WORRIED TO DEATH!
WAH! HE'S DISGUSTING!
IS THAT ARM SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THAT?
THIS PERSON... I SAW HIM BEFORE...
I have seen someone with a strange build before...
Xu Zhaoping's relative..?
IF NOT, THEN DID THE ARTIST MAKE A MISTAKE?

Remembering Xi Zhaoping, Yan Heng's hatred began to flow
He readied his stance once again, the same stance he had against Yao Lianzhou

Even though Xi Xiaoyan didn't know who Yan Heng was, he was more than thrilled that another person was ready to challenge him
BROTHER XI, THERE IS NO NEED TO FIGHT ANYMORE.
WE ALREADY MET UP WITH THE HEAD-MASTER.
WHAT?





It took a moment before Danfei realized the person she was referring to was Yao Lianzhou

WHAT HAPPENED?
ARE YOU SERIOUS? THEY WERE ALL AFRAID TO FIGHT AGAINST JUST THREE WUDANG?
MEANWHILE WE LOST SO MANY ON THE ROOF!

IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT SPY YAN HENG, WE WOULD HAVE CAUGHT HIM BY NOW!
Yan Qing-tong knew it would be hard to explain, so he put all the blame on Yan Heng
And hid the discussion he had with the Wudang disciples.
IF THAT QING-CHENG STYLE LAD WAS A SPY,
THEN WHY DID HE GO ON THE ROOF?
WHAT?
IS THAT WUDANG GUY ON THE ROOF STRONG?
TEACHER HAN... JUST AFTER ONE PUNCH...

YOU'RE SAYING ONE PUNCH INJURED SENIOR HAN LIKE THIS?
I was right choosing to retreat...
Xi Xiaoyan ignored Chen Daixu's urging and put all his responsibilities behind him.

There was only one person in his eyes
The simple sword strokes. The similarity in attack distance. The fighting with power.
A strange yet gradual admiration

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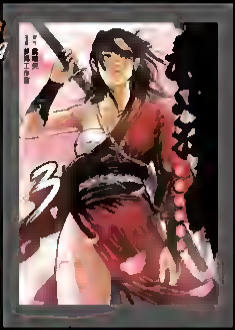

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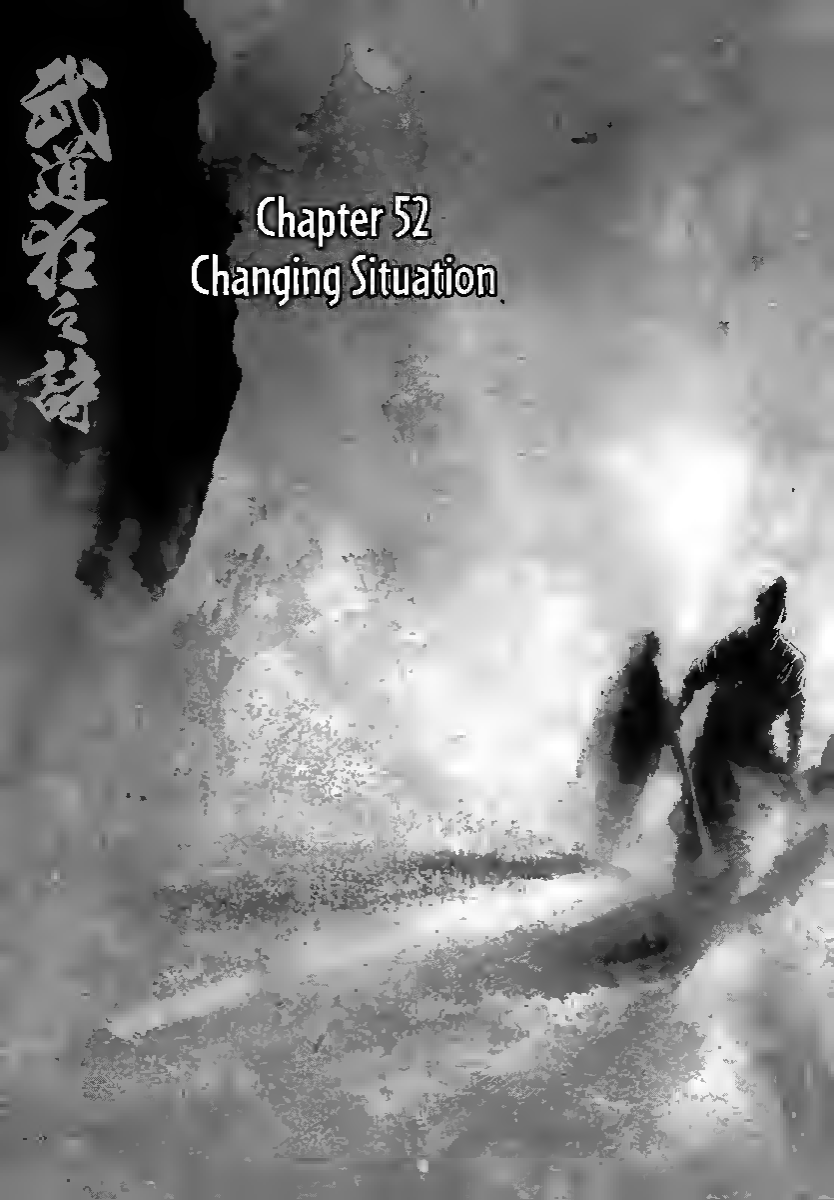
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Chapter 52
Changing Situation

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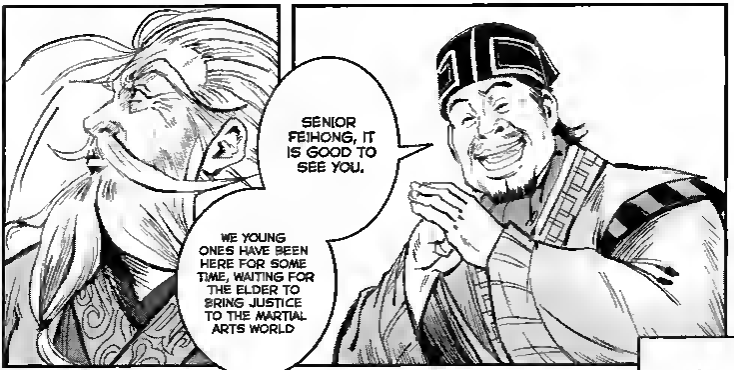
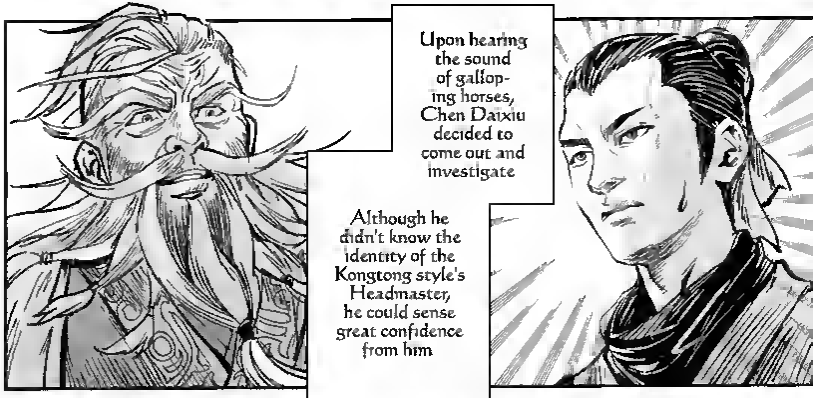
SENIOR FEIHONG!
Kongtong Mountain is located at Pingliang of Gan-su Province, neighboring the Shanxi Province Since Yan Qingtong was doing bodyguard business, he had the chance to meetwith Lian Feihong

As one of the "Nine Great Styles", Kongtong style had a long history. Its martial art, "Eight Great Extremes" was well known throughout Guan Xi. Seeing its headmaster arrive in person, the spirits of all those present were instantly revigorated.
This elderly horse rider had to be the headmaster of the Kongtong style!


SENIOR FEIHONG, IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU.
WE YOUNG ONES HAVE BEEN HERE FOR SOME TIME, WAITING FOR THE ELDER TO BRING JUSTICE TO THE MARTIAL ARTS WORLD

Yan Qingtong knew all too well that he had to adulate the headmaster in order to regain his position within the alliance.
WHAT HAPPENED? DID THE FIGHT ALREADY END?
I HUMBLY INTRODUCE MYSELF AS THE HEAD OF THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE BODYGUARD SERVICE IN XI AN SERVING ACROSS SEVEN PROVINCES, THE ZHENXI BODYGUARDS.

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE THE FIGHT IS STILL ON.
But Lian Fenhong doesn't seem to recognize Yan Qingtong, or care for this so-called martial arts world justice.
I HUMBLELY INTRODUCE MYSELF AS THE HEAD OF...
A WUDANG WARRIOR IS EMERGING!

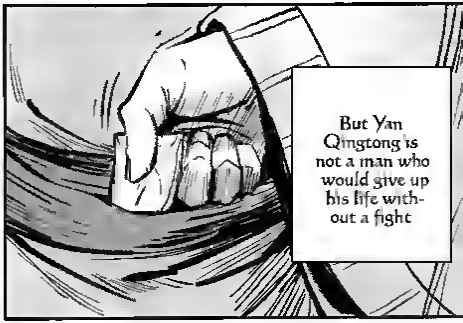

Upon hearing the sound of galloping horses, Chen Daixiu decided to come out and investigate
Although he didn't know the identity of the Kongtong style's Headmaster, he could sense great confidence from him

That old man won't be easy to deal with

WHERE IS THE HEAD OF THE ZHENXI BODYGUARDS?
DID YOU MEAN THE BIGGEST ONE IN XI AN?
Those from the eastern alliance quickly stepped back as they had all witnessed the viciousness of Fanzong's hidden weapons before.

YOU STILL OWE OUR HEADMASTER SOMETHING.
Everyone had already seen Yan Qingtong returning Yao Lianzhou's sword earlier. So what else could Fanzong be asking for?

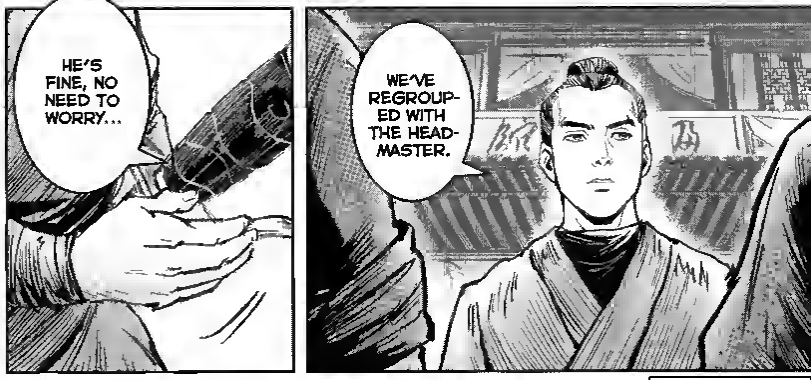
Yan Qingtong had expected it to be easy to cover up the whole poisoning scheme with so many different styles in the alliance
But he didn't realize Fanzong had followed Lian Si, the one who planted the poison, and Lian Si's killer, a member of the Zhenxi Bodyguards. There was no doubt about who the mastermind could be.
I am dead... How does he know that I planted the poison?

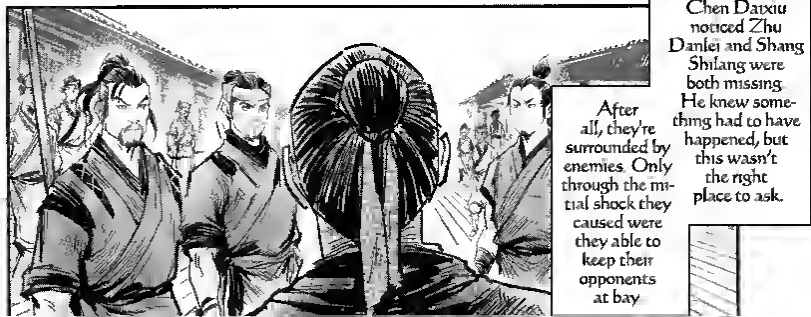

But Yan Qingtong is not a man who would give up his life without a fight

BASTARD! DID YOU HIDE SOMETHING FROM ME?
YOU'VE SHAMED ME!
LOOK! YOU'VE BEEN CAUGHT RED-HANDED!

NOW! PICK IT UP AND HAND IT OVER!
?
How could Yan Qingtong's little trick possibly deceive the eyes of Fanzong, the master of hidden weapons?
WE WILL SETTLE THIS MATTER NEXT TIME.

With headmaster's life hanging in the balance, Fanzong couldn't afford to waste time trying to expose Yan Qingtong
LOOK! THE WESTERN ARMY HAS ARRIVED!

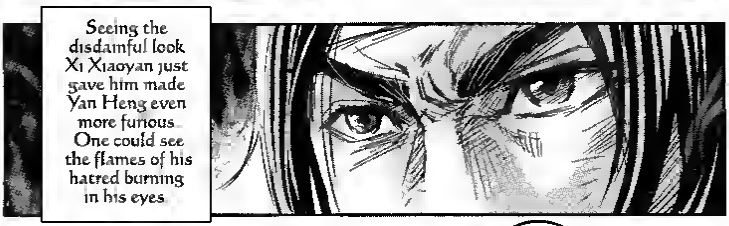




Chen Daixiu noticed Zhu Danlei and Shang Shifang were both missing. He knew something had to have happened, but this wasn't the right place to ask.

After all, they're surrounded by enemies. Only through the initial shock they caused were they able to keep their opponents at bay.

If anything was to happen that could boost the enemy's morale, things would turn sour instantly.
SHOULDN'T YOU LOT RETREAT TO TWO BLOCKS AWAY FROM HERE? WHAT ARE YOU STILL WAITING FOR?
JUNIOR XI, DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE ORDER JUST NOW?
STOP FIGHTING AND COME DOWN.

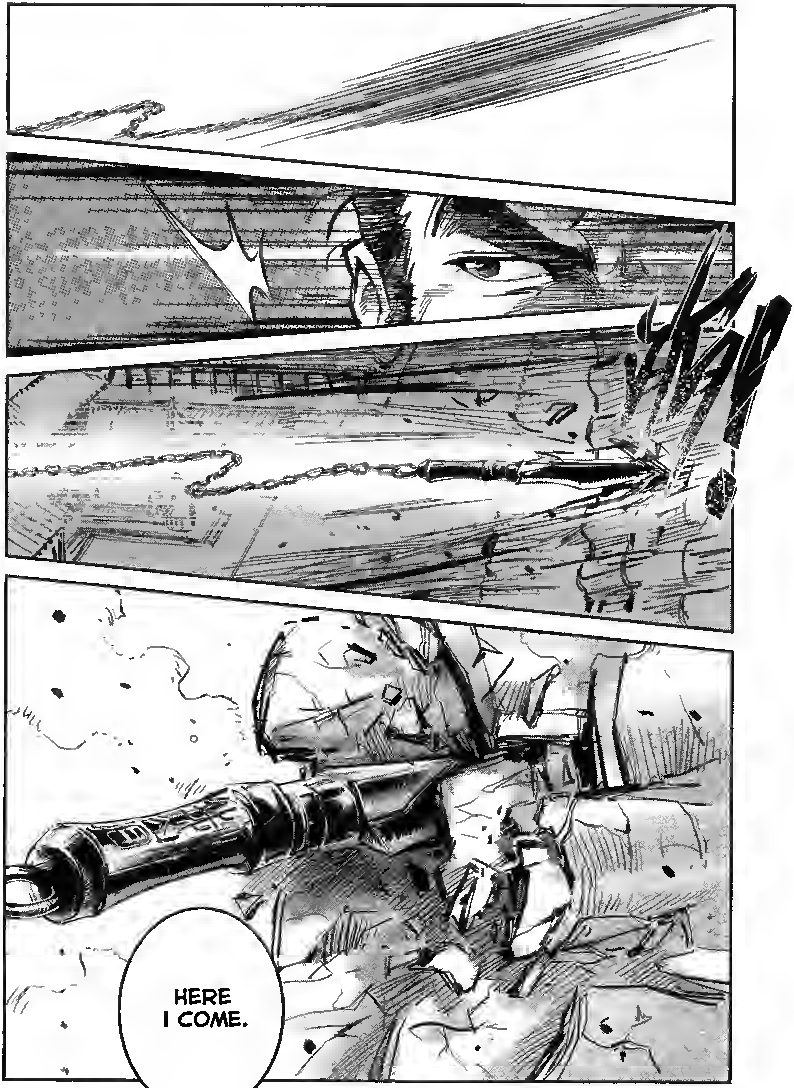


Seeing the disdainful look Xi Xiaoyan just gave him made Yan Heng even more furious. One could see the flames of his hatred burning in his eyes.

The whole of Wudang is the enemy of Qincheng!
Qincheng mountain, the place where his brother, Xi Zhaoping, had died
VERY WELL THEN.
SO, THERE IS STILL A FISH WHO ESCAPED THE NET.
ALLOW ME TO FINISH MY BROTHER'S JOB.

DON'T BE RECKLESS.
ONLY ONE OF US HERE CAN FIGHT ON PAR WITH HIM.
YOU SURE HAVE A POOR MEMORY.
DID YOU FORGET THAT YOUR KATANA IS STILL DOWN THERE?
I AM NOT REFERRING TO MYSELF.

HE WILL BE HERE SOON.
Why am I somehow feeling bitter?
This shouldn't matter to me as she's obviously an enemy, but..
As Hu Lmg-lan spoke, her eyes sparked a gentleness carrying her longing for that person
Who is she waiting for...?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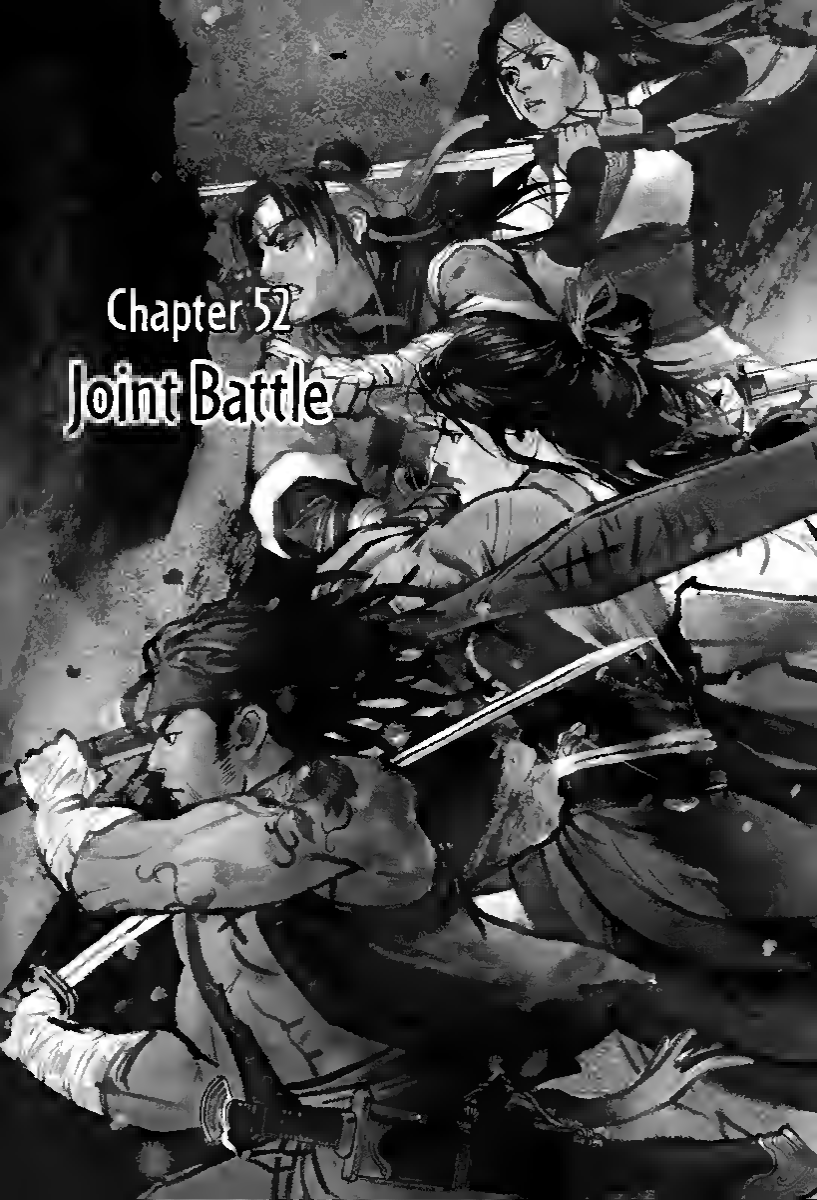
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Joint Battle

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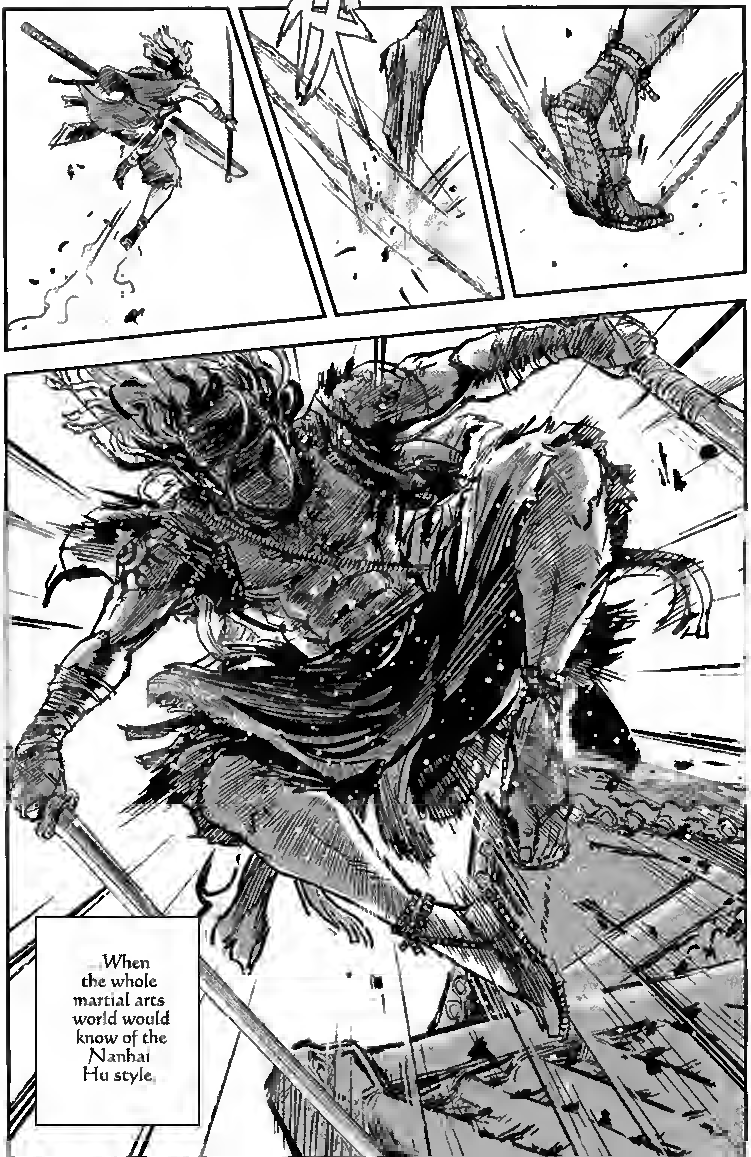
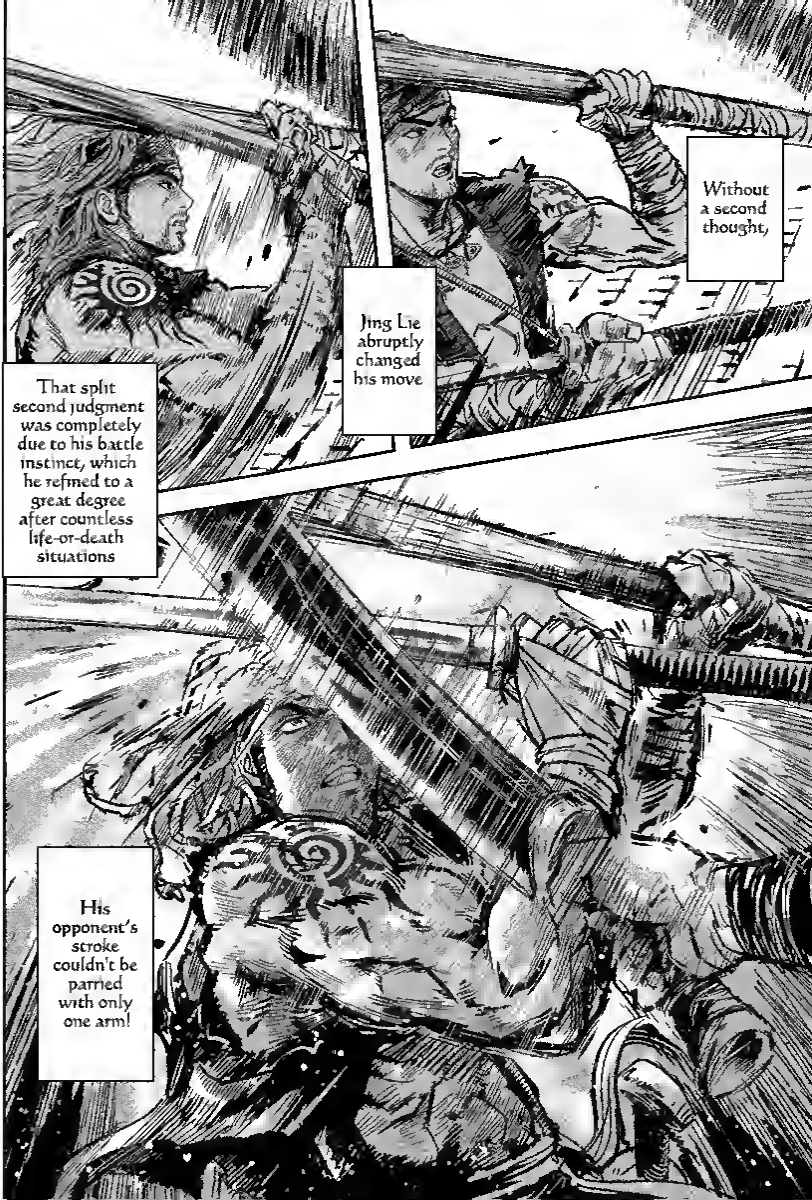

When the whole martial arts world would know of the Nanhai Hu style.

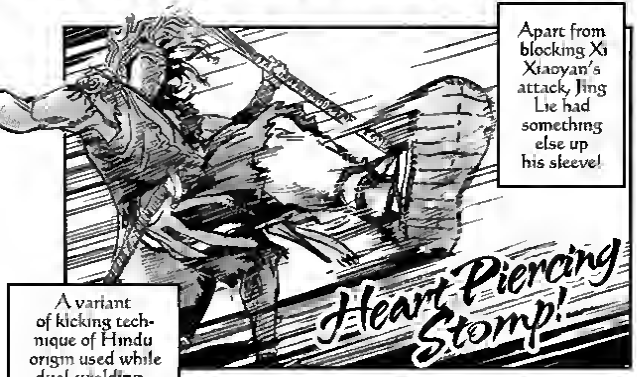
Is he the one she was talking about...?
Xi Xiaoyan didn't think twice before swinging his weapon. His blade technique had always been the same
Legs bent, waist twisted, back stretched The joints from his shoulder all the way to his wrist were trembling with excitement

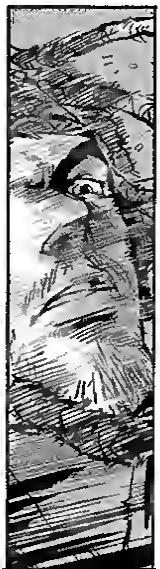
Jing Lie, with his mighty arms, wielded two heavy weapons. He was capable of striking his foe and defending himself at the same time
The oar on his left would take on Xi Xiaoyan's stroke while the Wo Dao on his right was going for Xi Xiaoyan's waist


Without a second thought,
Jing Lie abruptly changed his move
That split second judgment was completely due to his battle instinct, which he refined to a great degree after countless life-or-death situations
His opponent's stroke couldn't be parried with only one arm!

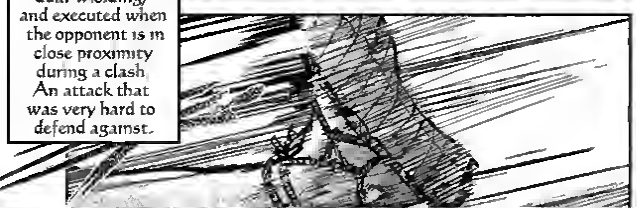
Xi Xiaoyan was just as surprised as Jin Lie
CLOSE ONE! LUCKILY I CHANGED MY OFFENSIVE STANCE!
Who would have thought that he would face an even stronger opponent so soon!
Ever since he mastered the Yang-Chi-Blade technique, his toughest opponent had been Hu Linglan
The two were on the same page. After being knocked back from the clash, they propelled themselves with a kick of the foot and charged again at once

This time, Jing Lie was prepared He focused all his strength upward!





A variant of kicking technique of Hindu origin used while dual-wielding, and executed when the opponent is in close proximity during a clash. An attack that was very hard to defend against.



The actual space between the two was greater than what Jing Lie had estimated. All Xi Xiaoyan needed to do in order to evade the incoming kick was to pull back his abdomen!
Xi Xiaoyan, who had abnormally long arms, was an exception
Xi Xiaoyan's beastlike fighting instinct was not inferior to that of Jing Lie's. He took on the offensive in just an instant!
Jing Lie's balance is extraordinary... Is it due to his natural talent or years of training?

Although Jing Lie did not swing his blade, the thrust from his pounce, along with his body weight, were enough to pierce through a skull!

Ever since Xi Xiaoyan left the training ground of Wudang, this was the first time he was forced to be on the defensive!
WHAT A GUY!
This engagement wasn't over just yet!

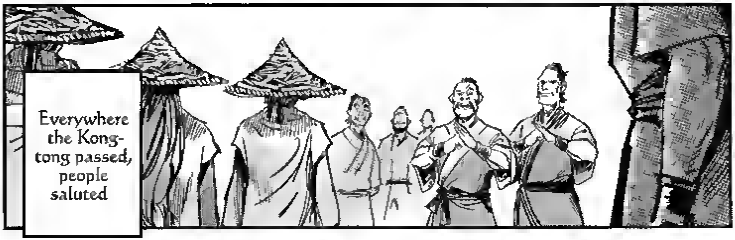
That was the essence of the "Way of the Eight Arms" martial art that Jing Lie learnt from the royal guards of the Hindu palace
When one limb is caught, strike with the other three at once.
Taichi, Pushing Force

What's more, the enemy before him was far stronger than any other he had faced in the past!
Every time Jing Lie faced a powerful opponent, he couldn't help but smile.
Xi Xiaoyan dared not to get overconfident. He trod away carefully from between Jing Lie and Yan Heng's pack
I can't let them surround me
BROTHER JING, THAT WAS SPLENDID!

AWE-SOME!
WHAT SKILLS!
GREAT FIGHT!
It came as a huge surprise to them when they saw a person fighting on par with one of Wudang. Naturally They all started to cheer
Not only did the East army suffer great casualties, but they were also intimidated by the three from Wudang and had to retreat from the great hall. It was a great dishonor
WHICH MARTIAL ARTS STYLE DOES THAT HERO BELONG TO, DO YOU RECALL?
EXCELLENT!
I HEARD ABOUT IT IN THE MEADHALL, IT WAS SOMETHING CALLED "NANHAI HU STYLE"...

The gods are on my side!
Jing Lie attracted everyone's attention No one questioned Yan Qingtong about the poisoning
Nevertheless, some were not happy at what they saw
Damn him! The guy completely over-shadowed my martial arts style!
As long as Yin Yingchuan arrives here on time with the West army, we can still win!

THESE GUYS... THEY ARE FROM KONG-TONG TOO.


Everywhere the Kong-tong passed, people saluted

Deputy Headmaster of the Kongtong Style, Cài Xiānjiào.
her name was feared by the mounted bandits of the West, ever since twenty years ago.
Lian Feihong's junior. Although she was not well known in the martial arts world,
SENIOR! WEREN'T YOU A BIT TOO QUICK?!
LUCKY I MADE IT! OR I WOULD HAVE MISSED OUT ON THE ACTION!
Bu Sā, Cài Xiānjiào's disciple.
Guo Zhong, Cài Xiānjiào's disciple.
Xing Ying, Lian Feihong's exclusive disciple.
SHE LOOKS PRETTY.

What a shame...
AMAZING!
HERO JING OF THE NANHAI HU STYLE, THAT WAS SOME FIGHT!
SHOW HIM WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

BRILLIANT!
GO NANHAI HU!
CRUSH THAT GUY WITH THE LONG ARM!
Jing Lie couldn't help but reminisce himself standing on the arena in his hometown, Quanzhou, many years ago
MASTER PEI... ARE YOU WATCHING THIS...?

JING LIE!
WE MEET AGAIN.
WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO SAY, YOU CAN TELL ME LATER. LET'S BEAT THESE GUYS UP FIRST.
JING LIE...

Hu Lingfan stood beside Jing Lie. The trauma of the narrow escape from death by the blades had faded.
Xi Xiaoyan noticed Jing Lie's blade, the Wo Dao*, was similar to that of Hu Lingfan's. It looked as if there was something between those two. He felt a bit jealous.
I DIDN'T ASK FOR HELP.
BROTHER XI, WE WILL ASSIST YOU.

*The Wo Dao did not come from Kyuushu. It was modelled after a katana by a blacksmith from mainland. Jing Lie won it from a pirate a few years ago

THIS BASTARD .. WE MET HIM EARLIER IN THE WEST PART OF THE TOWN, AND WE FOUGHT HIM ONCE THERE.
HE IS THE 'HUNTER'!
IT'S HIM!
The joy of their reunion was instantly blown away by Xi Xianyao's killing intent.
Yan Heng's confidence was sky high He wasn't frightened in the slightest

IF MY HUNCH IS CORRECT... HE IS XI ZHAOPING'S BROTHER.
IS THAT SO?
Hu Linglan was well aware of Wudang's strength. Though they had a number advantage,
Yan Heng's skills had yet to mature and Tong Jing was definitely out of the question...
What's more, there was a monster among the enemy...
TWO BROTHERS, TWO VULGAR BODIES. HOW TOUCHING!
HOHO...
YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR MOUTH!
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU SAY?!

The Xi brothers obtained their supernatural physiques at the cost of their mother's life Jing Lie's remark was a great insult to Xi Xiaoyan
OH YEAH, IT'S THIS ONE!
THIS UGLY SCRATCH HERE IS YOUR BROTHER!
LET ME SEE IF I CAN RECALL...
NINE MARKS... THE NUMBER OF OUR COMRADES WHO FELL UNDER THE BLADES OF THE "WUDANG HUNTER"!

To the Wudang style which had its eyes set on being the best in the world, Jing Lie's very existence was an unacceptable disgrace
KILL HIM!

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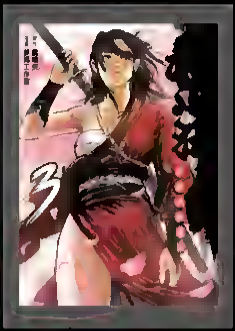

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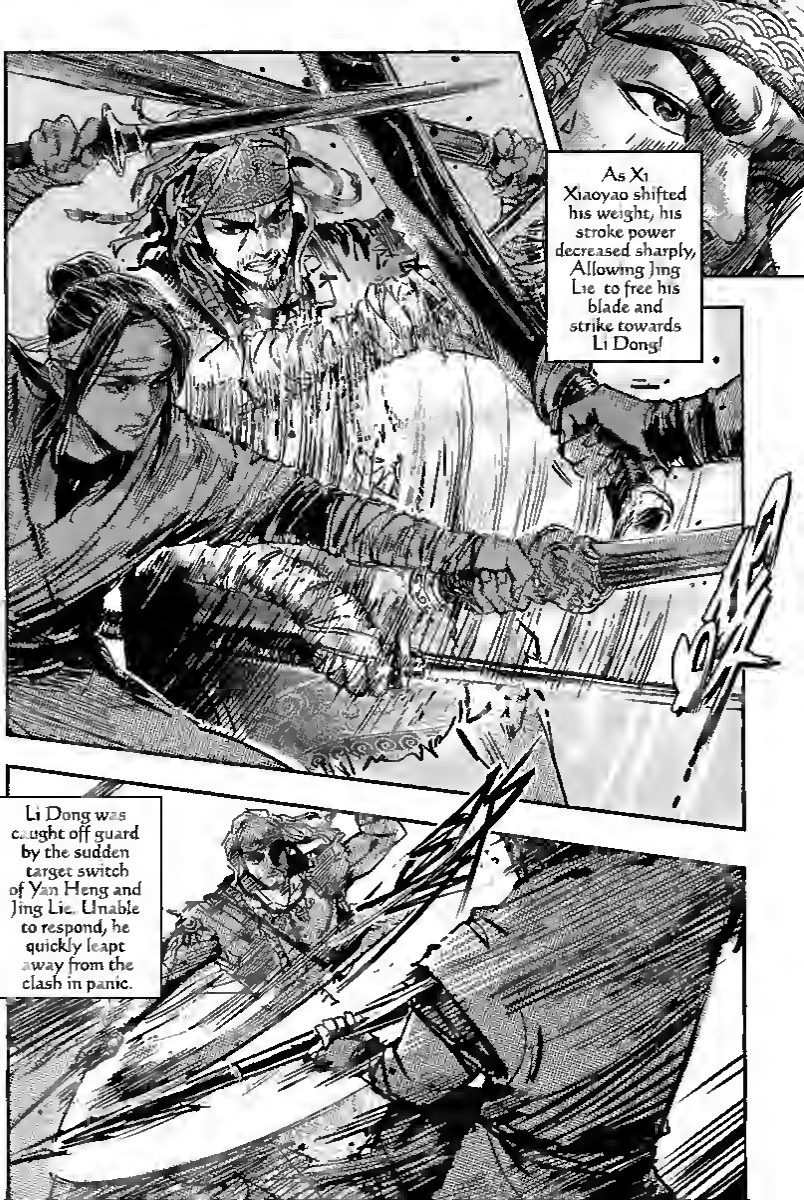
Chapter 53
Destination

Whenever one's anger exceeds its limits, mistakes and rash decisions often follow.
This was the reason why Jing Lie often provoked his opponents
Xi Xiaoyan, however, was clearly an exception
Can that blade be stopped?
I can't block it with brute force!
Xi Xiaoyan ignored Jing Lie's Sudden change to a defensive stance He continued to slash with all his might

Taichi force,
fully unleashed!
Although Jing Lie changed his stance, his right arm still could not stop the power of the Yang Chi Blade technique!
Defense breached!

Jing Lie parried Xi Xiaoyan's attack with his left hand or just in time The blade cut an inch into the solid wood
If that had been Jing Lie's neck, his head and body would have been separated from that strike
Wudang's Strangle Spear
Li Dong seized the opportunity and aimed for the artery at the side of Jing Lie's neck!

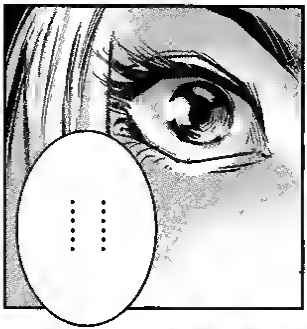
Jing Lie, watch out!
Yan Heng, full of confidence, countered using the Penetrating Tiger without a second thought!
However he wasn't aiming for Li Dong,
but Xi Xiaoyan's heart!


As Xi Xiaoyao shifted his weight, his stroke power decreased sharply, Allowing Jing Lie to free his blade and strike towards Li Dong!
Li Dong was caught off guard by the sudden target switch of Yan Heng and Jing Lie. Unable to respond, he quickly leapt away from the clash in panic.

This was the first time Yan Heng had fought side by side with Jing Lie. He was astonished at their flawless teamwork.
Jing Lie, on the other hand, was not surprised. He knew this was due to their rapport, the result of training together day and night.
The three Wudang's target had always been Jing Lie!
Jiao Hongye's sword came at a difficult angle. The timing was perfect. It would surely hit...!

However, Hu Linglan was at Jing Lie's side to guard him!
The Piercing Dragon was a lot lighter than her katana, the Yetai Dao. Its handle was too short for two-handed wielding.
Although Hu Linglan's power was halved, her stroke speed doubled!
Jing Lie took the opportunity of Xi Xiaoyan's retreat and swung his oar at Jiao Hongye's flank.

She was carefully observing the attack patterns of the six in front of her, with her mind in deep thought
Although Tong Jing could not help in the slightest, she wasn't annoyed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Ever since she witnessed Yao Lianzhou's sword techniques, something had been on her mind

Being forced back by a small brat... How can I shame the name of Wudang in front of this many people!

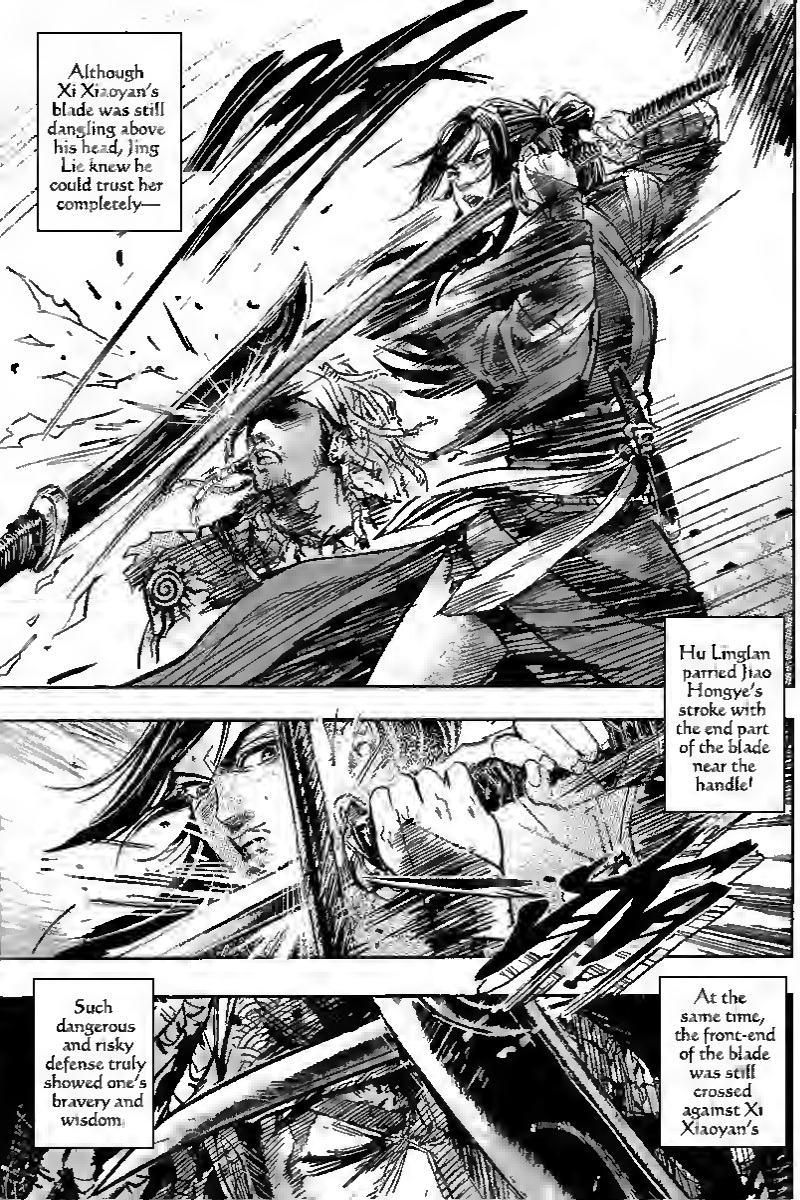
Yan Heng had been ready to cover Jing Lie. He focused all his hatred onto his sword.
His precision and power had never been greater.
Unfortunately, he was up against someone whom he could never overcome with sheer force.

SHIT!
Although more than half of Xi Xiaoyan blade's power had been taken off by Yan Heng's sword, the remaining force was still substantial
As soon as Yan Heng lost the sword on his right, Li Dong took the chance to attack!

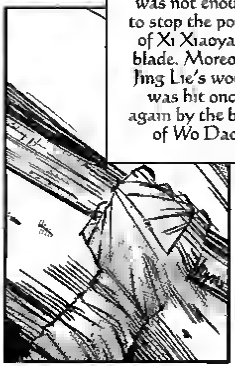
Yan Heng could only defend with the Penetrating Tiger. He was discontented at his empty right hand, which made counterattacking impossible
Those who were always on the defensive would eventually be defeated
Hu Linglan made a prompt decision-

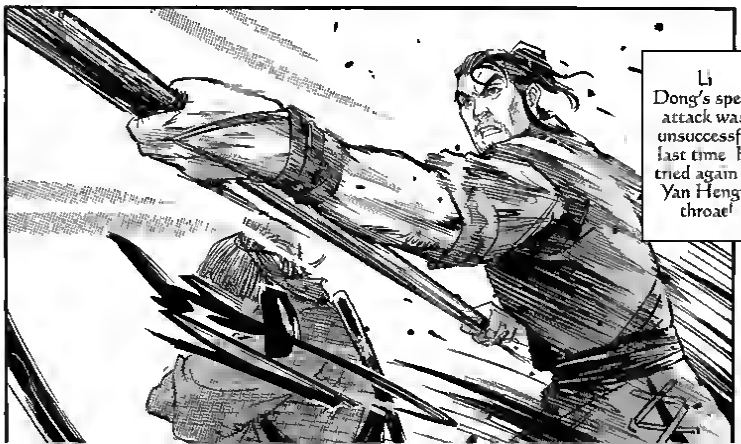
Seize the blade.
Throw the sword.

Jiao Hongye noticed that Hu Linglan was weaponless. If he didn't strike now, when should he?
Jing Lie understood Hu Linglan's intention the moment when he felt her grip on his Wo Dao.


Although Xi Xiaoyan's blade was still dangling above his head, Jing Lie knew he could trust her completely—
Hu Lingfan parried Jiao Hongye's stroke with the end part of the blade near the handle!
Such dangerous and risky defense truly showed one's bravery and wisdom.
At the same time, the front-end of the blade was still crossed against Xi Xiaoyan's

However, the front-end of Wo Dao alone was not enough to stop the power of Xi Xiaoyan's blade. Moreover, Jing Lie's wound was hit once again by the back of Wo Dao





Li Dong's spear attack was unsuccessful last time. He tried again for Yan Heng's throat!

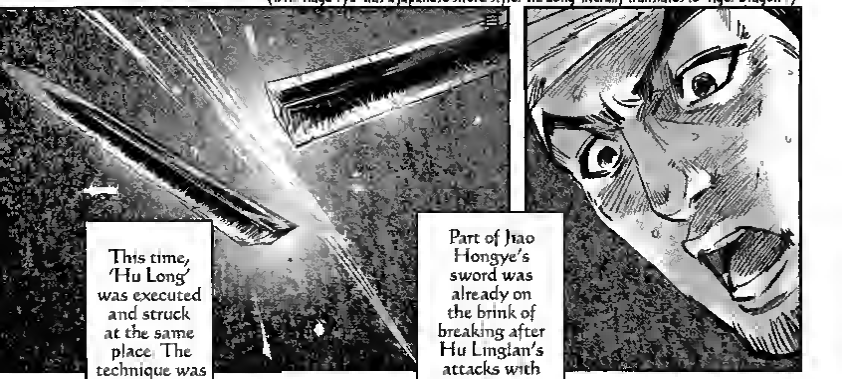
However, this time was different. The Female, Male, Dragon Tiger swords had been reunited
SOME-THING'S WRONG!
What's up with that pair of swords? Such sharpness!

Once the 'Wudang power strike' technique was performed, there was no retreat

Hu Linglan did not hesitate pulling the Wo Dao out when she saw Jing Lie's oar crossing against Xi Xiaoyan's blade

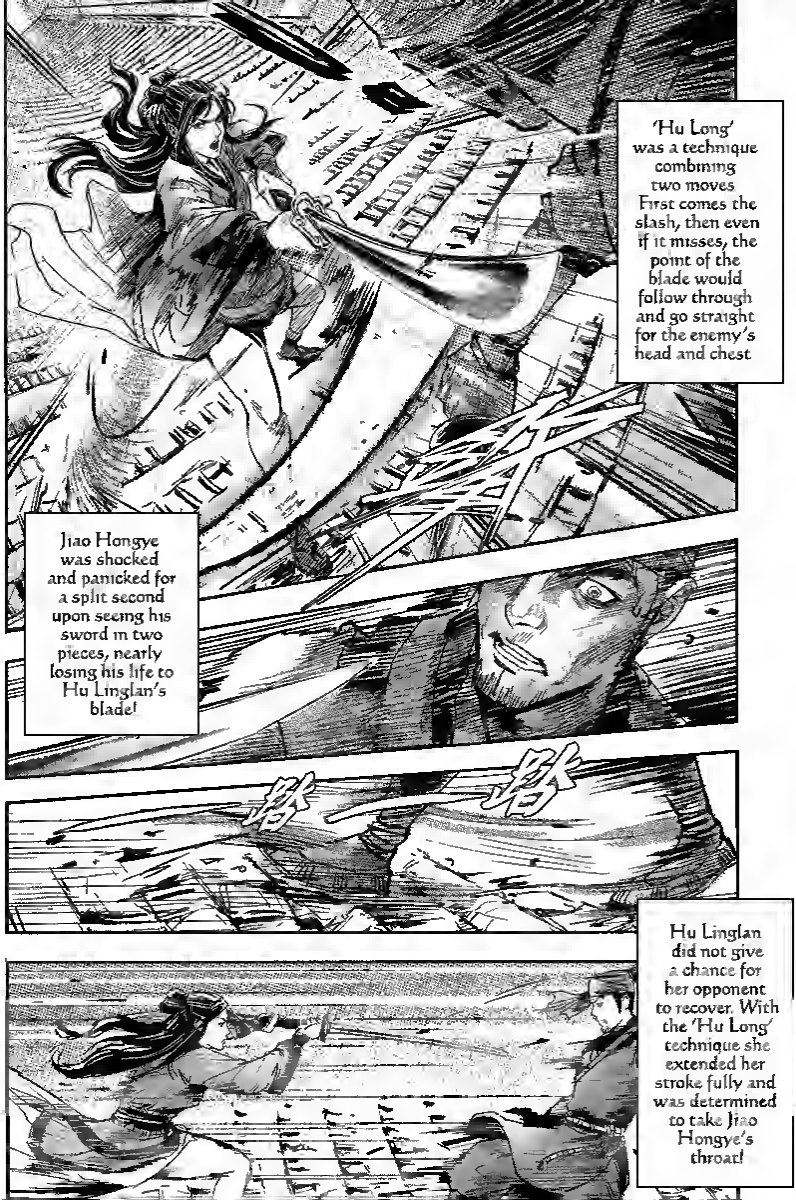
The Wo Dao's shape and composition was very similar to her Yetai Dao. Hu Linglan felt that she could now fight with high proficiency!

(T/N. 'Kage-ryu' was a Japanese sword style. 'Hu Long' literally translates to 'Tiger Dragon'.)



This time, 'Hu Long' was executed and struck at the same place. The technique was a success!

Part of Jiao Hongye's sword was already on the brink of breaking after Hu Linglan's attacks with the Piercing Dragon.


'Hu Long' was a technique combining two moves First comes the slash, then even if it misses, the point of the blade would follow through and go straight for the enemy's head and chest
Jiao Hongye was shocked and panicked for a split second upon seeing his sword in two pieces, nearly losing his life to Hu Linglan's blade!
Hu Linglan did not give a chance for her opponent to recover. With the 'Hu Long' technique she extended her stroke fully and was determined to take Jiao Hongye's throat!

"I'm done for!
Xi Xiaoyan pulled back his blade as he turned around rescuing Jiao Hongye in the nick of time!

The Jing Wu' sword that was knocked away by Xi Xiaoyan had just now hit the ground
First round, finished

Ever since the battle in Chengdu, Jing Lie knew from then on he would most likely be fighting the Wudang in groups
NOT BAD!
In terms of strength, they would most likely be at a disadvantage The only way to narrow the gap was to improve their teamwork
Throughout the past few months, he had been contemplating possible ways to improve his cooperation with Hu Linglan and Yan Heng in battle.

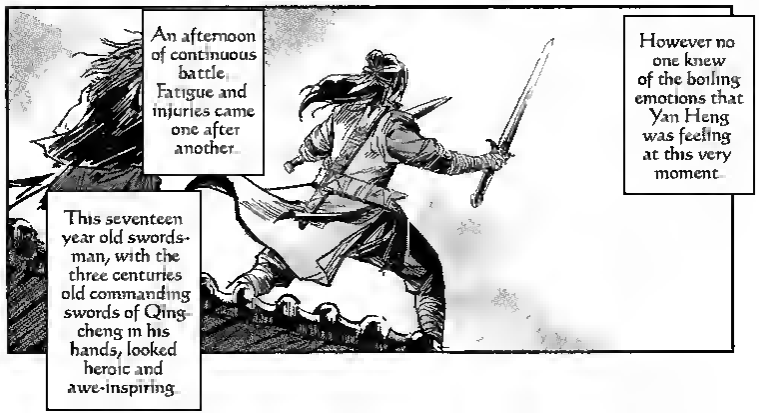
Although they had never tested their techniques' synergy, their rapport had been improving from practicing against each other day and night.
The result of their first team fight was surprisingly good.
OUR RAPPORT ISN'T HALF BAD!
YEAH.
On the other hand, the Wudang style emphasized purely on individual strength and power
Rarely did they think about team fight techniques. For a short while they were thrown into confusion.
.....

LADY APPRENTICE, THIS GUY WITH DREADLOCKS WAS ABLE TO SUPPORT HIS TEAM IN THE MIDDLE. HIS EYES COULD SEE HIS FLANKS AND HIS HANDS COULD MULTITASK. BRILLIANT!
YEAH. IT'S QUITE SIMILAR TO OUR TECHNIQUES OF KONGTONG. HOWEVER...
IF IT WASN'T FOR HIS ABILITY TO MULTITASK DURING THE BATTLE,
WUDANG WOULD HAVE WON AGES AGO!
DON'T FORGET THOSE TWIN SWORDS OF QING-CHENG WHICH ALSO AFFECTED THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE. EXCELLENT!

THAT WAS SOMETHING BETWEEN MEN! YOU KNOW NOTHING!

WHEN HE ZISHENG WAS TRAINING IN GANSU BACK IN THE OLD DAYS,
DID HE NOT SEND YOU SPRAWLING ON THE GROUND? OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

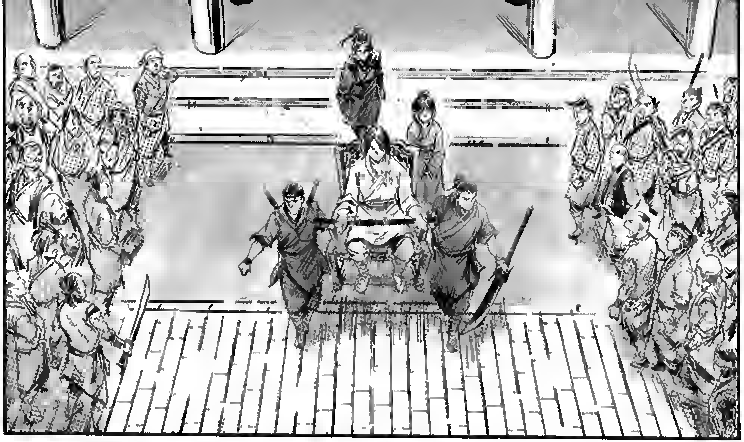
Dong San Qiao, who first accused Yan Heng of being a Wudang spy, was now looking down ashamed.
Everyone from different martial art styles knew master Feihong had contact with the former Qing-cheng Headmaster, He Zisheng. After his talk, everyone's suspicion of Yan Heng was swept away.

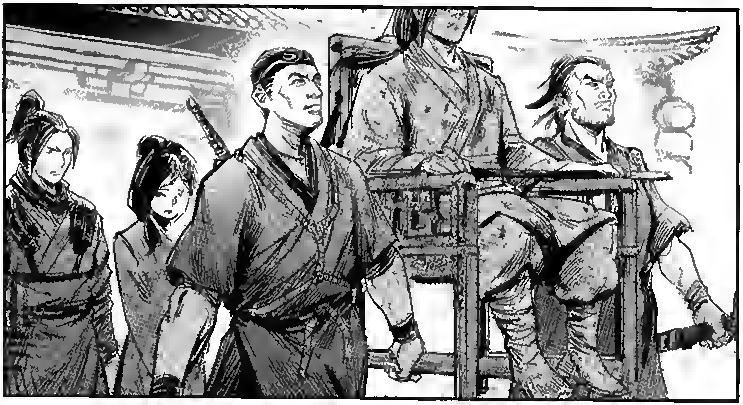

An afternoon of continuous battle. Fatigue and injuries came one after another.
However no one knew of the boiling emotions that Yan Heng was feeling at this very moment.
This seventeen year old swordsman, with the three centuries old commanding swords of Qing-cheng in his hands, looked heroic and awe-inspiring.

It had only been a few months since the massacre of Qing-cheng by Wudang's Bing Ya Group
Nonetheless, he was fighting on par with the likes of Li Dong from Wudang To Yan Heng this was quite a surprise
MY MASTER ONCE TOLD ME...
"EVERYONE IN THE WORLD FIGHTS WITH NOTHING MORE THAN TWO ARMS AND TWO LEGS.
HOWEVER, WHEN ONE GAINS ENOUGH CONFIDENCE, IT'S LIKE HAVING GROWN AN EXTRA ARM."
YOUR MASTER IS PRETTY INTERESTING... I WOULD LIKE TO PAY HIM A VISIT SOME DAY.
HE IS DEAD.

THAT OLD GEEZER HAD IT EASY, 'NOTHING MORE THAN TWO ARMS AND TWO LEGS' MY BUTT...
HE NEVER EXPECTED ONE WITH SUCH A WEIRD ARM COULD POSSIBLY EXIST.
JING LIE, LET ME HELP.
Hey... Don't you dare taking advantage of this!

Although they could not wait to pierce several holes into this 'Wudang Hunter', they must suppress their rage for the honor of Wudang
Xi Xiaoyan and the other two did not use the opportunity to strike when Jing Lie had his wounds treated.
HE... HE HAS COME OUT!





The Headmaster of Wudang, who called himself the 'best among the best'...
Many people had never seen Yao Lianzhou's face before
IS HE THE ONE? HE LOOKS QUITE YOUNG...
None of them in their wildest dreams were able to relate this gentle, soft-spoken person to the one who first destroyed Qingcheng, then forced the submission of Emei, and later exterminated Huashan,
... the evil who brought absolute chaos to all of the martial arts world!

Thank you.
Yin Xiaoyan noticed Shu Qiao's face was not as pale anymore. It was clear that her condition was no longer life threatening.
However, Dan Lei did not notice Yin Xiaoyan's act of gratitude
His eyes, filled with rage, had been fixated on Yao Lianzhou. He could not forget his junior, Li Wenqiong, who died a tragic death

Tang Liang, Fu Yuanba, Chen Daxiu and Fan Zong were guarding Yao Lianzhou's four sides respectively.

At this very moment, Jing Lie felt as though there were never-ending waves pounding against his chest.
He suppressed his impulse to scream out of control.
荆轲
The enemies were less than ten feet away. Staying calm was absolutely crucial.
This was the powerful weapon he always relied upon when faced against stronger opponents, a valuable lesson taught by Master Pei many years ago.

He doesn't know, from where he stands right now....
Just how much distance
there is between him and Yao, and his swords

Nevertheless,
at this very moment,
he had finally seen it
with his own eyes:
the destination of this
journey filled with
blood and steel.

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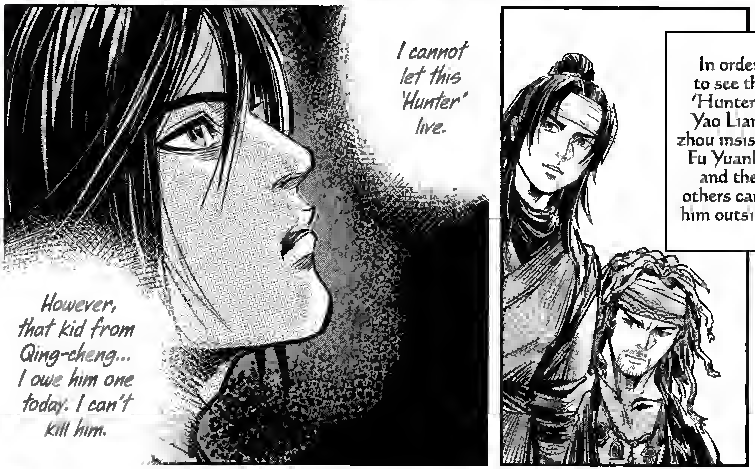
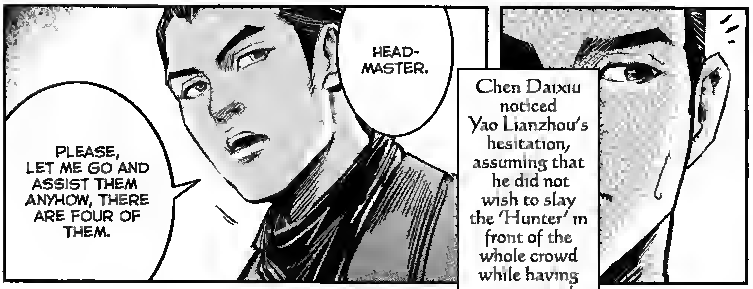
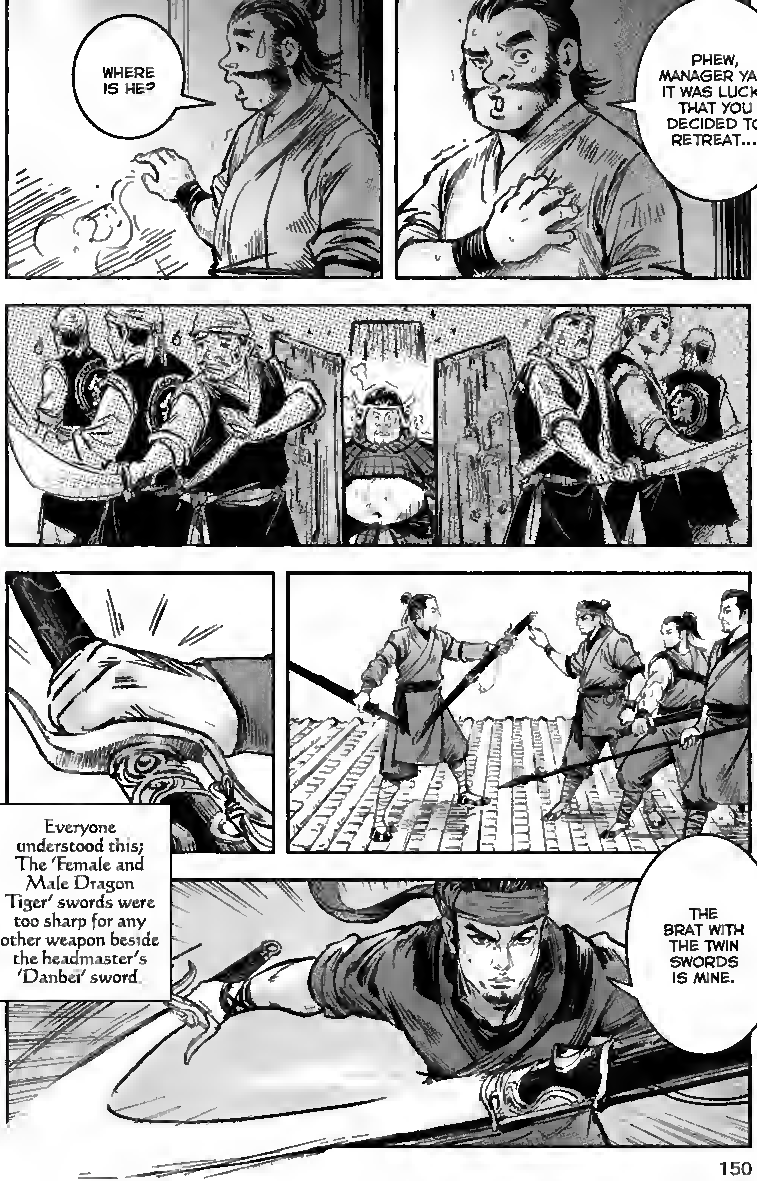
Chapter 54
Vicious battle

YES. HE CLAIMS THAT HE HAD SLAIN NINE OF OUR COMRADES, INCLUDING XI ZHAO PING.
IS HE THE HUNTER?


I cannot let this 'Hunter' live.
However, that kid from Qing-cheng... I owe him one today. I can't kill him.
In order to see the 'Hunter', Yao Lian-zhou insisted Fu Yuanba and the others carry him outside


HEAD-MASTER.
PLEASE, LET ME GO AND ASSIST THEM. ANYHOW, THERE ARE FOUR OF THEM.
Chen Daixiu noticed Yao Lianzhou's hesitation, assuming that he did not wish to slay the 'Hunter' in front of the whole crowd while having a numerical advantage

VERY WELL.
BRING THIS TO HONGYE.
AFFIRM-ATIVE.


WHERE IS HE?
PHEW, MANAGER YAN, IT WAS LUCKY THAT YOU DECIDED TO RETREAT...
Everyone understood this; The 'Female and Male Dragon Tiger' swords were too sharp for any other weapon beside the headmaster's 'Danbei' sword.
THE BRAT WITH THE TWIN SWORDS IS MINE.

HOHO!
NO.
YOU HAVE NO HISTORY WITH THE WUDANG, THEY WON'T BE DIFFICULT WITH YOU.
JING, GET DOWN FOR NOW.
YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS BRAT LEAVE EVEN WITH A STICK.
I HAVE SAID THE PHRASE 'GET AWAY' TO HER COUNTLESS TIMES.
BROTHER JING, YOU SHOULD JUST SAVE YOUR BREATH.
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
This was the touching feeling of finally being recognized as an adult
Tong Jing was close to tears after hearing those words
HOW IT'S LIKE TO BE LIVING BY THE SWORD.... I SHOULDN'T HAVE DOUBTED YOUR DETER-MIHATION.
I HAD FORGOTTEN WHAT I HAD TOLD YOU ON THE DAY I PROMISED TO TEACH YOU MARTIAL ARTS...
SORRY, IT WAS MY FAULT.

Even though a ruthless battle awaited the four, at that instant, a rush of calming warmth filled their heart.
BRING IT ON THEN!
Because each of them knew that even if they were to die, they would do so next to the friends whom they trusted whole-heartedly; what else was there to be afraid of?

Is that really going to be okay?
...Another one joined Wudang's side.
However the trust between comrades does not change the differences in strength between the two sides
Everyone down below understood the situation, but no one dared to go up and join the fight
I will go!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...?
BROTHER, YOUR ARM IS HURT. HOW MUCH WILL YOU BE OF USE TO THEM?
THAT ONE FROM QING-CHENG, A YOUNG TEEN-AGE BROTHER, IS MORE DARING THAN ANY OF US...
WHAT IF THE WUDANG LET ANOTHER PERSON INTO THE FIGHT ONCE YOU JOINED? WOULDN'T YOU HAVE WORSENED THE WHOLE SITUATION?
WHAT YOU SAID WASN'T UNREASONABLE... HOWEVER...

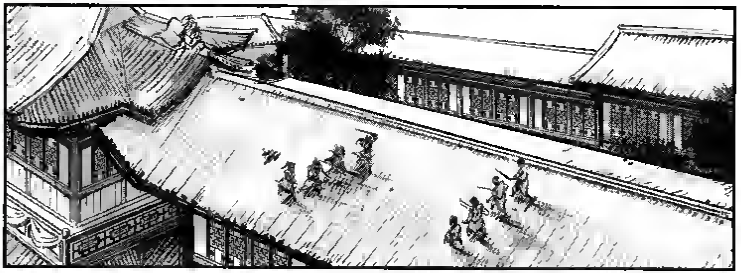
THE KONG-TONG HAS MADE A MOVE!
咻
咻!

IS THE HEADMASTER GOING TO HELP THE QING-CHENG BRAT?
HE HAS A HISTORY WITH QUING-CHENG, RIGHT?
BAH, YOUR MASTER HATED HE ZISHENG. HE WOULD NEVER HELP HE ZISHENG'S DISCIPLES.
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA, I AM NOT HERE TO HELP.
I CAME UP HERE ONLY BECAUSE I COULDN'T SEE TOO WELL FROM DOWN THERE.

OKAY OKAY, I ACTUALLY WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A GO AT YOU WUDANGS...
BUT WATCHING THE FIGHTS WERE SO MUCH FUN!
IF I FIGHT, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WATCH. SO LET ME JUST WATCH FOR A BIT MORE!

NO WAY...
HE ONLY CAME TO WATCH...?
HUH...?
WHAT...?

THIS HEADMASTER'S ETIQUETTE IS SERIOUSLY LACKING...
WHY IS A HEADMASTER ACTING LIKE THIS...?



WHY AREN'T YOU GUYS FIGHTING YET?

IGNORE HIM FOR NOW.
WE CAN STILL HANDLE HIM EVEN IF HE DECIDES TO STEP IN.
LET'S SETTLE THIS BEFORE SUNSET!
We have no chance of surviving if we don't counter this guy's powerful blade.

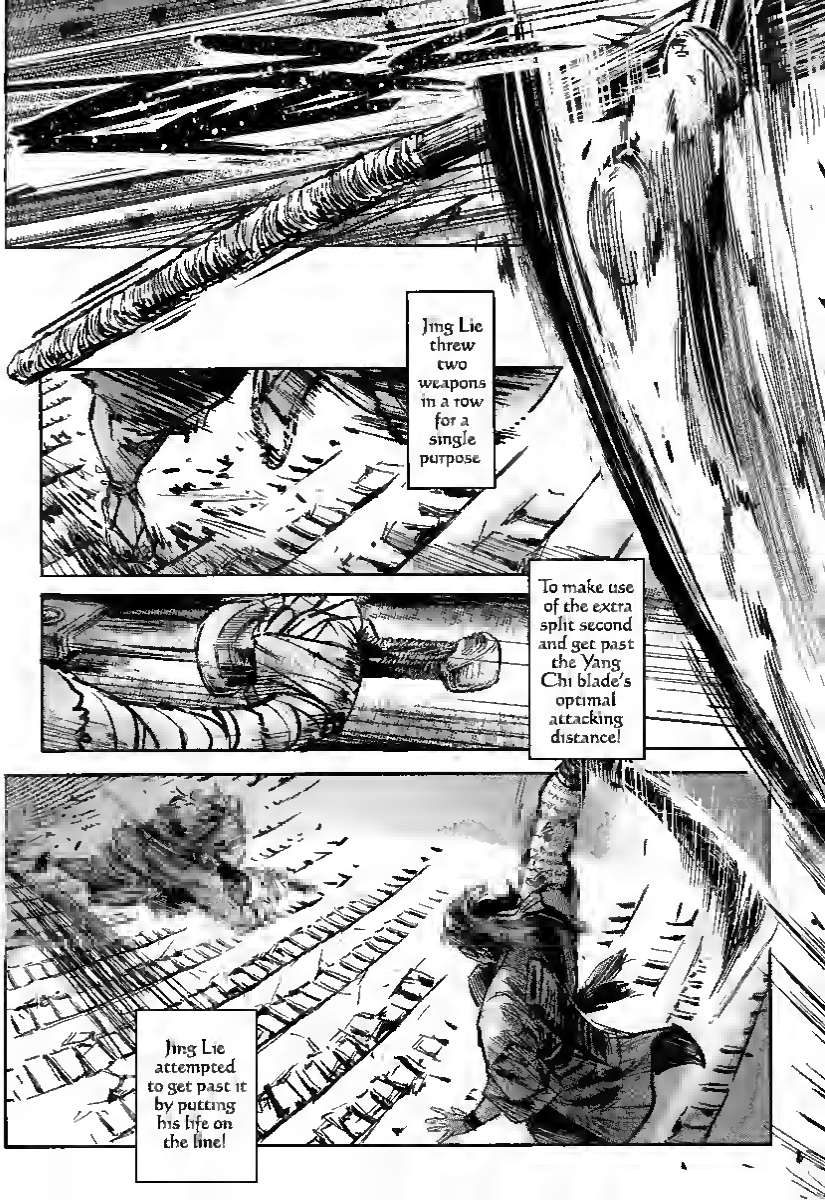
Without saying a word, Hu Lingfan read Jing Le's mind just by taking a glance at his stance.
THIS GUY'S ATTACK PATTERN IS ALWAYS THE SAME. HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO ADAPT. (JAPANESE)
YEAH.
As long as we can stop him from using his signature move, we can still seize victory.
Whenever one had a single powerful technique, it is only human nature for him to rely on it too much.
When it comes to disrupting the enemies' formation, nothing was better than letting Xi Xiaoyan's Yanchi blade be the vanguard.

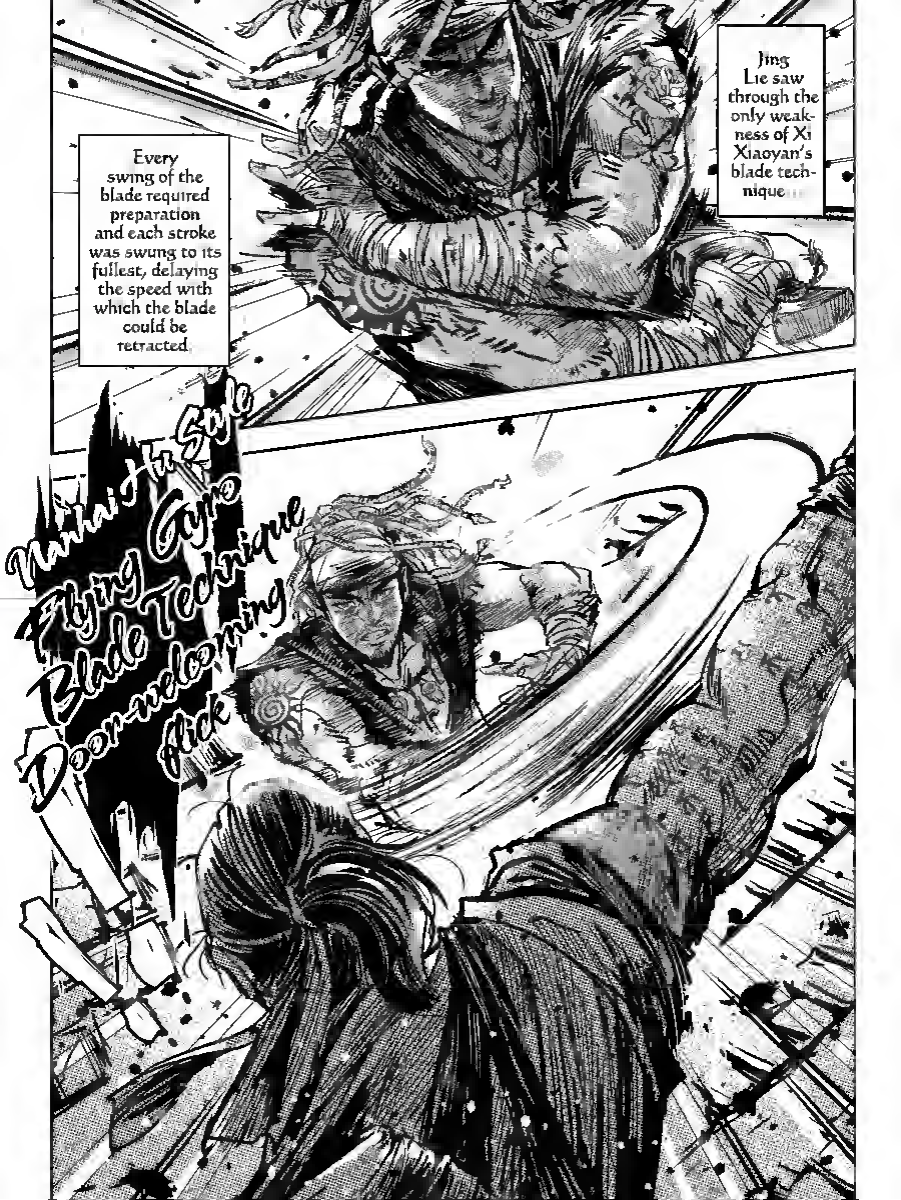
The strongest person,
Should always be at the front.
After the previous encounter, Jing Le already had a good grasp of the attacking range of that weird arm and the long blade

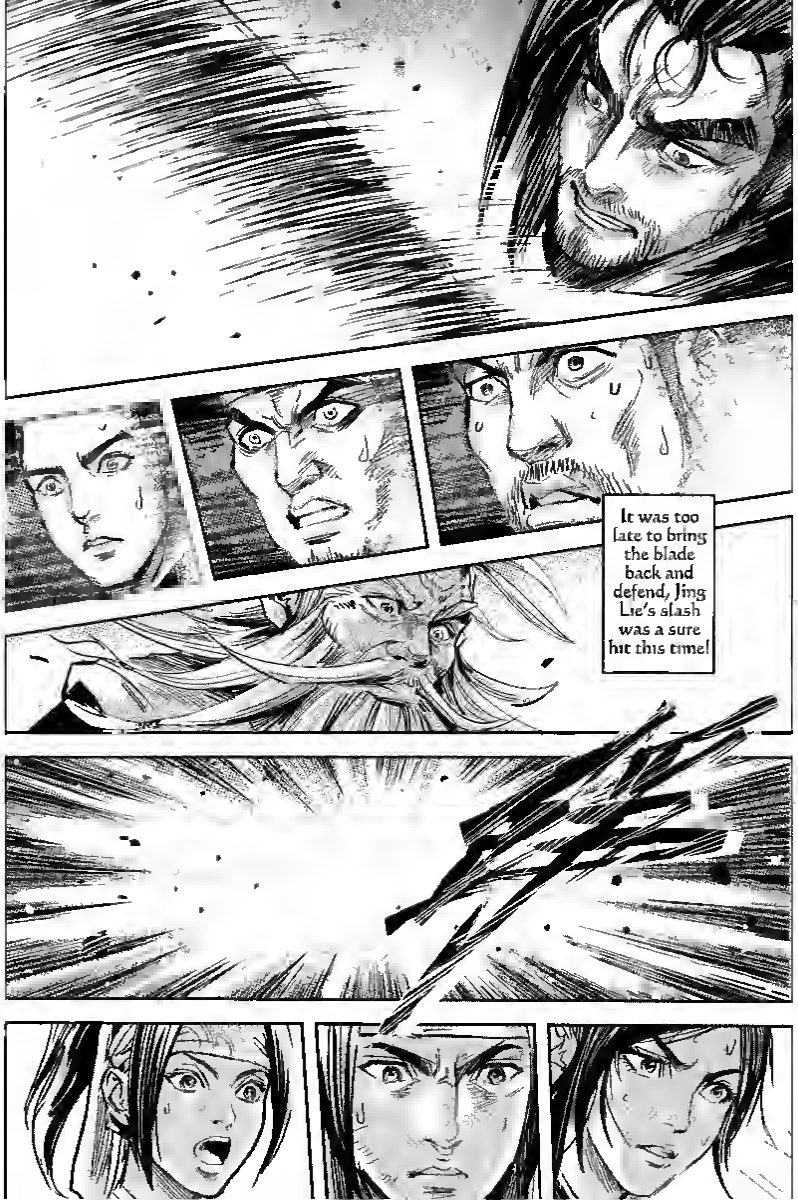
Jing Lie suddenly changed his stance midway.

The concealed weapon was the mandarin duck hook that once belonged to the disciple of Wudang, Shi Hong!

The oar?!


Jing Lie threw two weapons in a row for a single purpose
To make use of the extra split second and get past the Yang Chi blade's optimal attacking distance!
Jing Lie attempted to get past it by putting his life on the line!


Every swing of the blade required preparation and each stroke was swung to its fullest, delaying the speed with which the blade could be retracted.
Jing Lie saw through the only weakness of Xi Xiaoyan's blade technique...
Unrivaled Style
Flying Cyro Blade Technique
Door-welcoming Kick

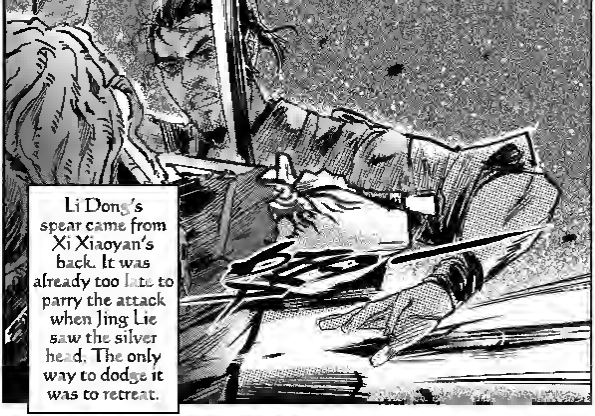

It was too late to bring the blade back and defend, Jing Lie's slash was a sure hit this time!

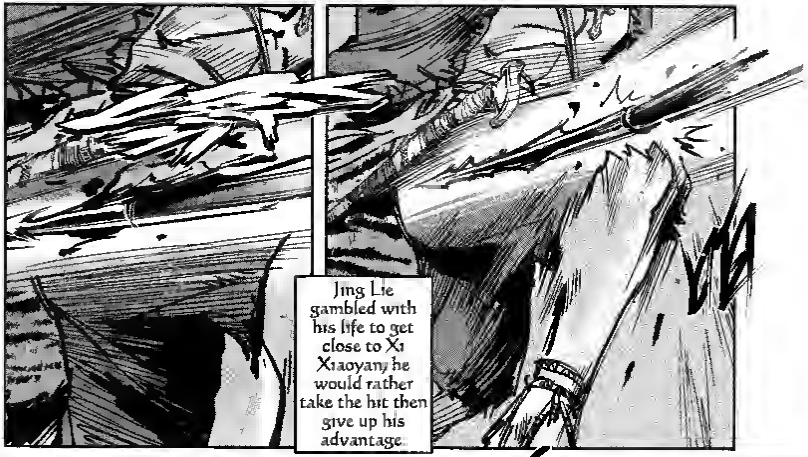
It was all thanks to this weird arm of Xi Xiaoyan, which swung the blade around the back of his head, all the way to the 'inner door' of his other arm, consequently blocking this deadly attack of Jing Lie's
NO WAY!

T/N: A saying in Martial Arts: 'A hand is two doors' The 'inner door' refers to the inner part of the arm. Similarly for the 'outer door'

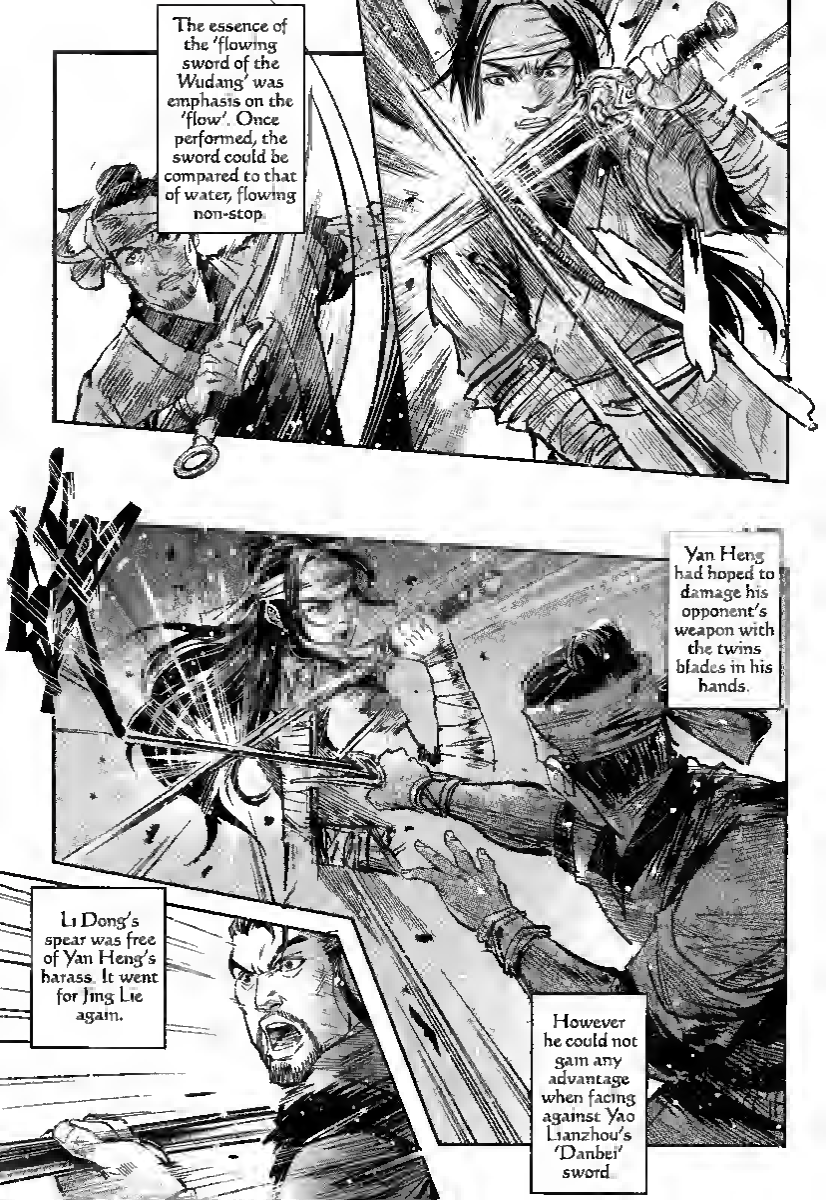
For the second time in a row, he was forced to be on the defensive, by the same person in one day!
However, Xi Xiaoyan was furious!
If this was a one on one duel, Jing Lie's was more likely to win!
By now Jing Lie had already closed in on Xi Xiao Yan, rendering his specialty, long range slash techniques, useless.
Except it wasn't!

I can't back off!

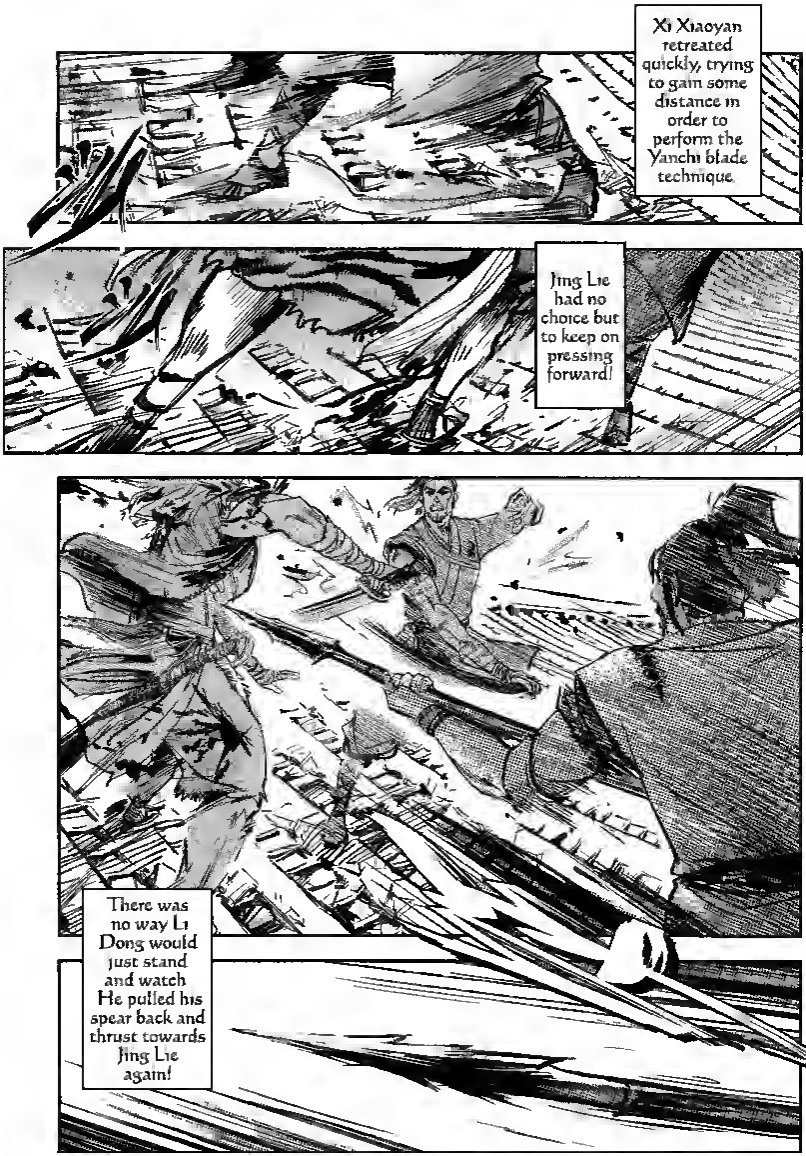

Li Dong's spear came from Xi Xiaoyan's back. It was already too late to parry the attack when Jing Lie saw the silver head. The only way to dodge it was to retreat.

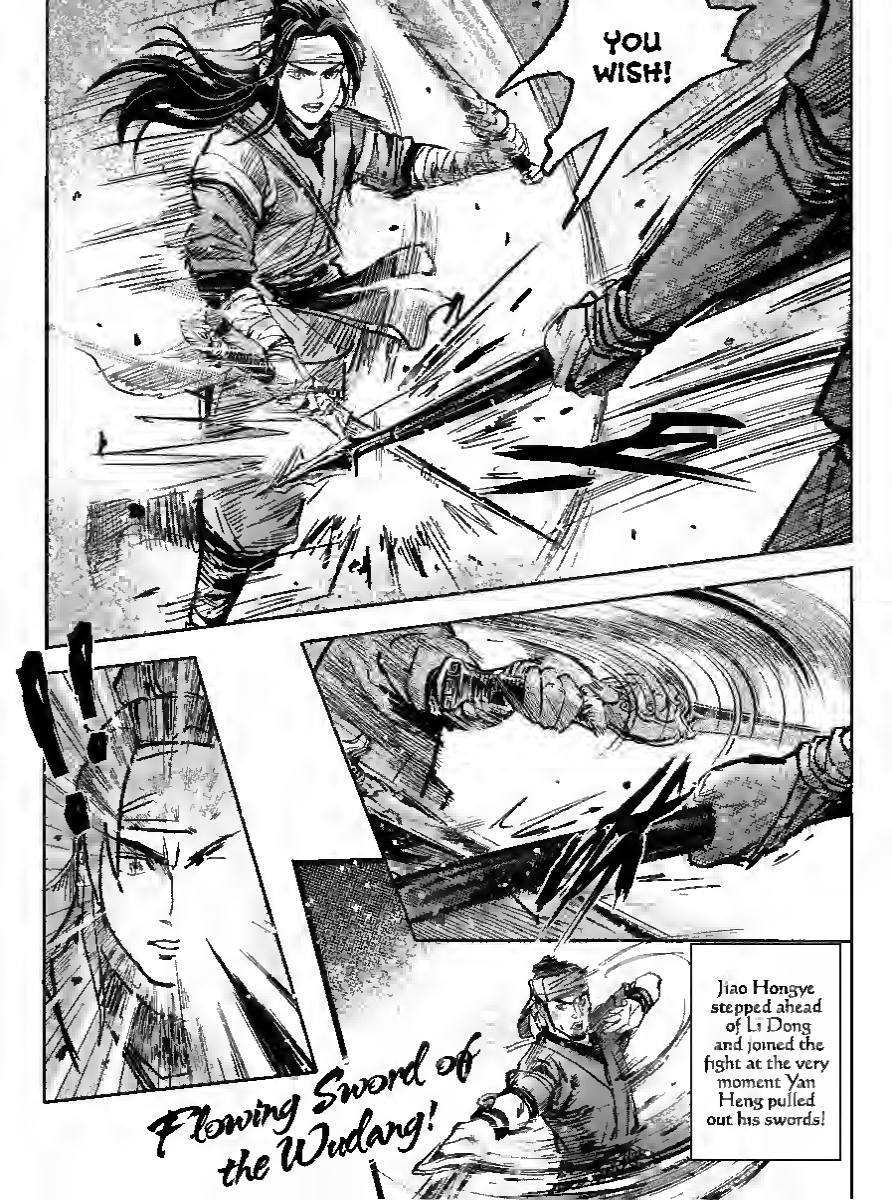

Jing Lie gambled with his life to get close to Xi Xiaoyan; he would rather take the hit then give up his advantage.

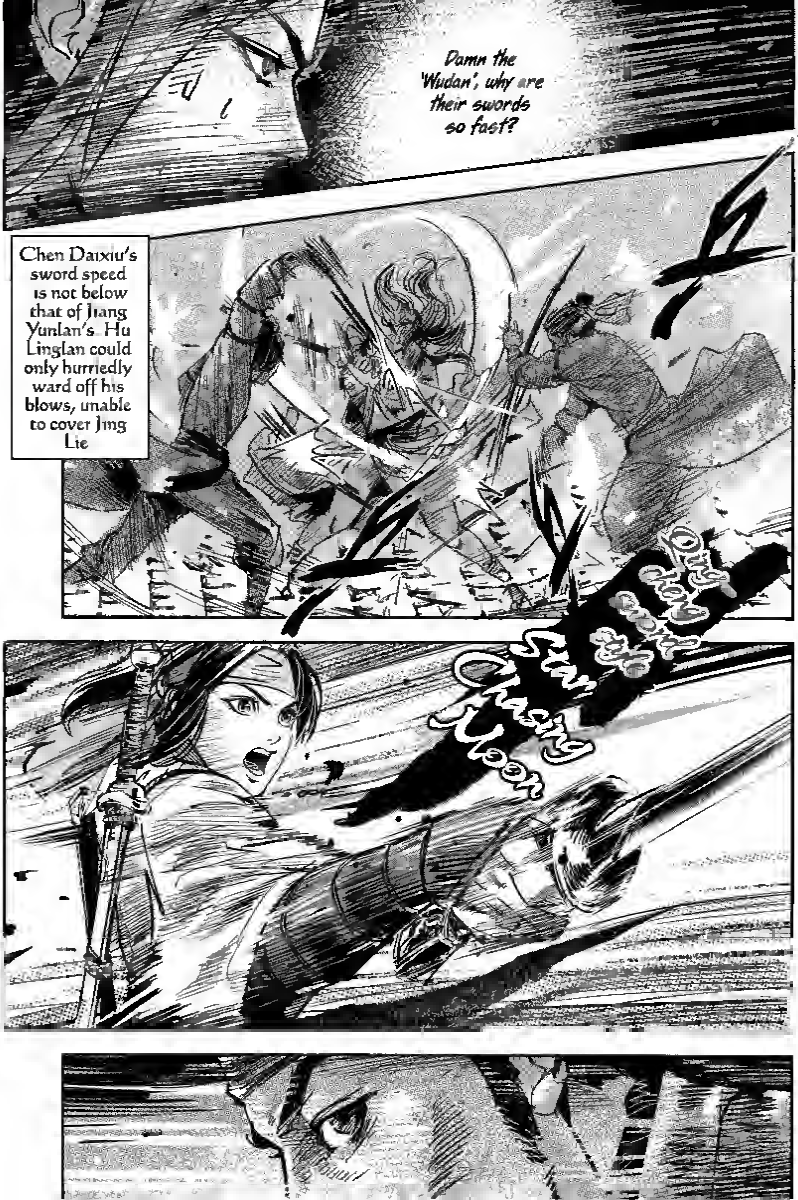
Even though Jing Lie was injured, he did not move a single inch. The Yanchi blade was still pressing onto Xi Xiaoyan!


The essence of the 'flowing sword of the Wudang' was emphasis on the 'flow'. Once performed, the sword could be compared to that of water, flowing non-stop.
Yan Heng had hoped to damage his opponent's weapon with the twins blades in his hands.
However he could not gain any advantage when facing against Yao Lianzhou's 'Danbei' sword.
Li Dong's spear was free of Yan Heng's harass. It went for Jing Lie again.

The gentle-looking Chen Daixiu was always underestimated. Everyone tended to forget that he was a veteran of the Zhen Gui Dao!


Xi Xiaoyan retreated quickly, trying to gain some distance in order to perform the Yanchi blade technique.
Jing Lie had no choice but to keep on pressing forward!
There was no way Li Dong would just stand and watch. He pulled his spear back and thrust towards Jing Lie again!


YOU WISH!
Jiao Hongye stepped ahead of Li Dong and joined the fight at the very moment Yan Heng pulled out his swords!
Flowing Sword of the Wudang!


Damn the 'Wudan', why are their swords so fast?
Chen Daixiu's sword speed is not below that of Jiang Yunlan's. Hu Linglan could only hurriedly ward off his blows, unable to cover Jing Lie
Sun Chasing Moon

DIE!
Jiao Hongye already had a rough estimation of their difference in strength. Fearlessly, he took on both Yan Heng and Jing Tong with a single sword.
If Jiao Hongye could take on two people...

Even kids could do the math
On the other hand Chen Daixiu was fighting against Hu Linglan ...
Then Jing Lie was taking on both Xi Xiaoyan and Li Dong, two powerful fighters from Wudang, at the same time!
A VICIOUS BATTLE!

If we let this
we will be
defeated all the
samurai.
Damn it! I need
some distance before
I can use the 'Yanchi'
blade technique.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
Having nowhere to run, Jing Lie took a risk and performed two techniques at the same time!
The team's strongest fighter should always be taking the greatest risks!

Although Jing Lie had just avoided another sticky situation, his attack strength decreased, due to his distraction with the kick...
Giving Xi Xiaoyan the opportunity to take another half a step back.
GET LOST!

Hu Lmglan was in a hurry to assist Jmg Lie Her strokes were predict-able Chen Daixiu saw through all of them with ease

Yin Heng no longer had the tactical advantage He was in a tough spot.
Hongye's swordsmanship had always been been better than Yan Heng's skill Yan Heng was constantly pres-sured, regardless of his varying attack patterns

Xi Xiaoyan took the advantage of the distraction and retreated while Jing Lie was evading the spear.

After great effort, Xi Xiaoyan finally gained enough distance, to perform his usual ultimate technique
TAKE THIS!

Unleashed
Yanchi Blade

The battle was lost. Nothing could turn it around. The Wudang had won.
Nevertheless, the most unexpected thing tends to happen at the most unexpected times.

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